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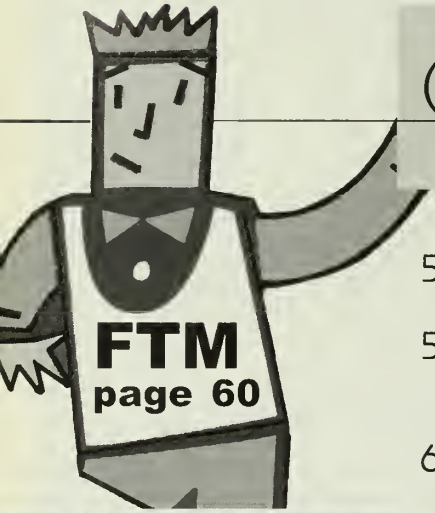

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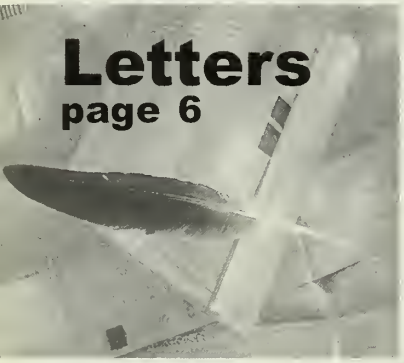

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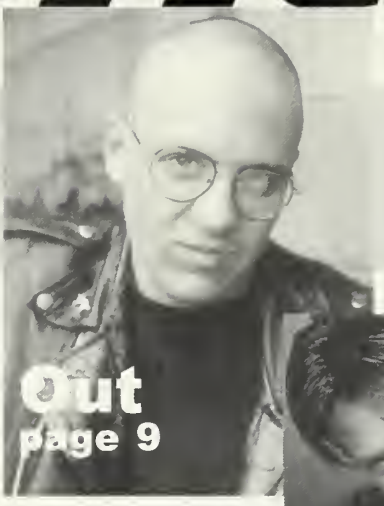

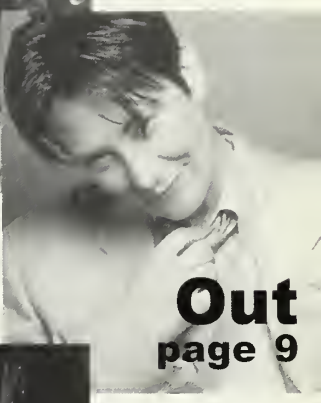

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Nancy Nangeroni

Bisexuality & Transgenderism

Strange Bedfellows or Natural Partners?

I grew up in a household where we were taught to have compassion for all people, whatever their origin, beliefs, attributes, or behavior. As I passed through puberty and became sexually active, I conceived of myself as more bisexual than anything else. My feeling was and is simply that to declare myself either hetero- or homosexual would be to declare myself prejudiced against half the population. Admittedly, some types of bodies and activities appealed much more than others, but to presume that such would always be the case seemed (and proved to be) wrong. Instead, I expected that, over the course of a lifetime, I would try a lot of different things. Life is like a banquet, with each new flavor bringing fresh delight. The prospect of settling for a life of meat and potatoes, or any other staple diet, however healthy, leaves me thoroughly disinterested.

Likewise with sexuality.

Let me assure those of you who are reading this and thinking, "That's not how I feel!", that I am not intending to speak for you or anyone else in this matter. Orientation, preference, taste, and priorities are all a matter of personal choice. What might seem wrong to me, *for me,* does not necessarily seem wrong to me *for others.* Perhaps it is because I am, at heart, truly bisexual that I think of it in such terms. Were I homo- or heterosexual, I might think differently, and I expect so for many of you who are reading this.

The point is, bisexuality has always seemed ordinary and desirable to me. The idea that someone might be stigmatized for it didn't occur to me until recently. Yet I am finding out that there are substantial numbers of those who feel the heat of stigma for their bisexuality. I seem to be meeting more and more of these people lately.

As a transgender person, I incorporate strong elements of both masculinity and femininity into my daily life. I like to think of it as taking the best of both worlds. While I generally present "as a woman" and encourage people to see me as such, in truth I am something in between. While I seem to be unattractive - as far as intimacy is concerned - to most people who self-identify as strictly hetero- or homosexual, I am making more intimate connections with those who think of themselves as bisexual. And that makes sense to me. People who find both masculinity and femininity attractive — those who appreciate and enjoy intimacy with other people irrespective of gender — are those who will not find my transgenderism daunting. Those who care for the qualities of an individual without worrying about whether those qualities are masculine or feminine are not put off by a penis on someone who appears and acts like a woman, or vice versa.

So it seems that people who see themselves as bisexual are those most likely to be attracted to someone who is trans- or bi-gendered. It makes sense. If you are TG, you probably exhibit some traits of both masculinity and femininity. To people who like some of each, you could be the cat's meow.

In my activism work, I find myself often working in partnership with bisexual people, without any overt attempt on my part to do so. It just seems to keep happening. The bisexual community, like the TG community, has been struggling for inclusion by the gay and feminist movements. Bisexual political purpose is (at least in part) compatible with ours: freedom of self-determination in issues of sex and gender. Moreover, many bisexuals are supportive of our issues around gender identity and presentation.

Here in the Boston area, there has been a substantial "coming out" of bisexuality among the transgender community. As some of you know, it is not at all unusual for crossdressers to find themselves attracted to other crossdressers, especially the young and pretty or handsome ones. At my first transgender convention, the Fantasia Fair in 1990, I was quite taken aback by the number of older, avowedly heterosexual crossdressers, who made unmistakably sexual overtures to me.

> "Together, we can be more visible, raise more money, exert more influence, and effect greater change in our society's view of sex and gender."

There are many crossdressers and transsexuals who are purely hetero or homo in their orientation. But there are many in our community who have come to a point of appreciation for other people, and an interest in experiencing intimacy, that transcends the polarity of anatomy. Likewise, there are many in the bisexual community whose appetites transcend gender and any linkage between anatomy and gender. People who are bi — people whose orientation is open — seem less likely to have a problem with transgenderism than people who are decidedly homo or hetero. Likewise, people whose gender is transgressive — who are open to gender diversity within themselves — seem more likely to be accepting of bisexuality than those whose gender aligns exclusively with one of the two binary extremes.

You don't have to be bisexual to support non-discrimination against bisexuality, any more than one has to be transgender to support an end to transphobia. For our communities to work together, all we need to be is smart strategists. Together, we are stronger than we are separately. Together, we can be and do more. Together, we can be more visible, raise more money, exert more influence, and effect greater change in our society's view of sex and gender. And, while we're at it, maybe even have a good time.

Together. Not identical, not united in a single vision, not homogenous. But seeking and actively working together towards ever greater mutual appreciation of our strengths, respect for our differences, and cooperation towards meeting our individual needs.

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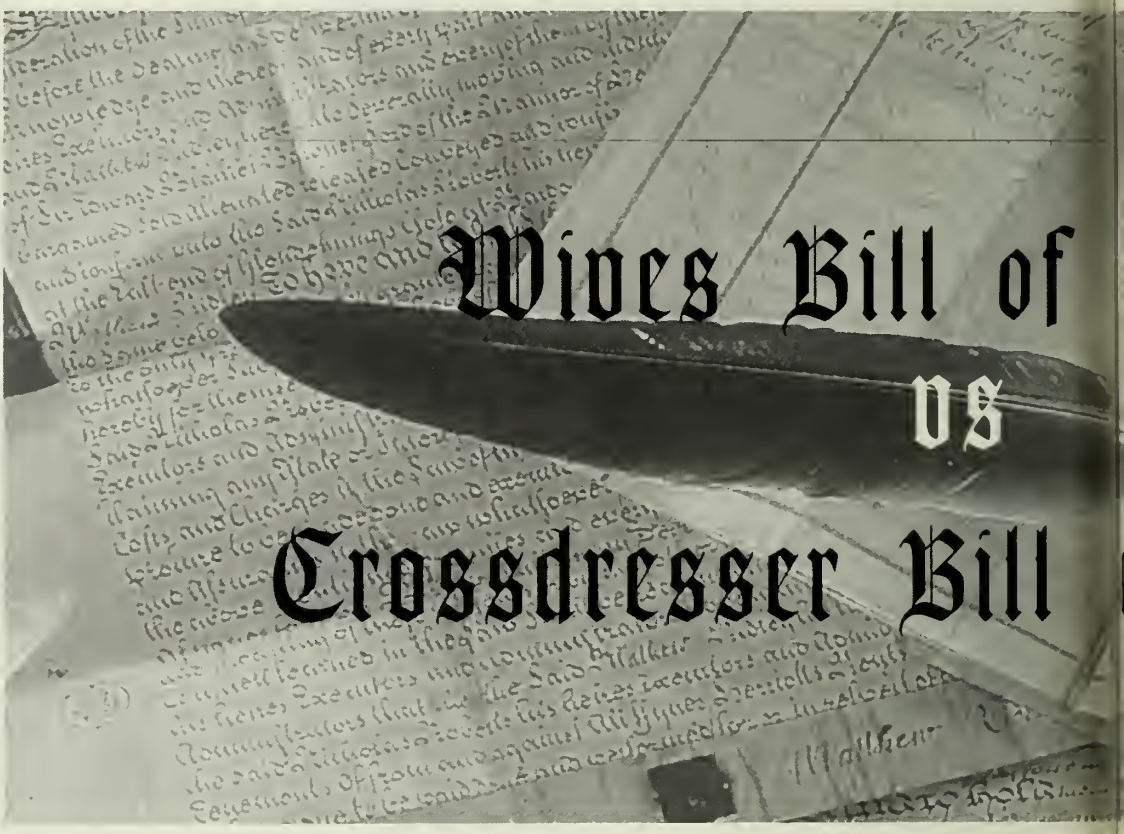


Since Frances Fairfax's "A Wives' Bill of Rights" was first published three years ago, it has been reprinted numerous times, most recently in the Summer, 1997 (#79) issue of *Transgender*. However, on the facing page was a rebuttal entitled "A Crossdressers' Bill of Rights," by crossdresser "J. Freed." In attempting to refute the Wives' Bill of Rights, Ms. Freed resorts to a mixture of wishful thinking and strawman arguments. Her rebuttal serves to demonstrate the controlling attitudes and selfishness that have made it extremely difficult for many wives to cope with their husbands' crossdressing. We are responding jointly to Ms. Freed's statements because CDs, no less than their spouses, suffer when these attitudes prevail. We will list each "Right" in bold, followed by J. Freed's remarks in italics, then our response:

The Fairfaxes on "Wives' Rights vs. CDs' Rights"

1

We have the right to know about our husbands' crossdressing, preferably before marriage, but certainly when our husbands begin to make crossdressing a significant factor in their lives and wish to contact support groups.

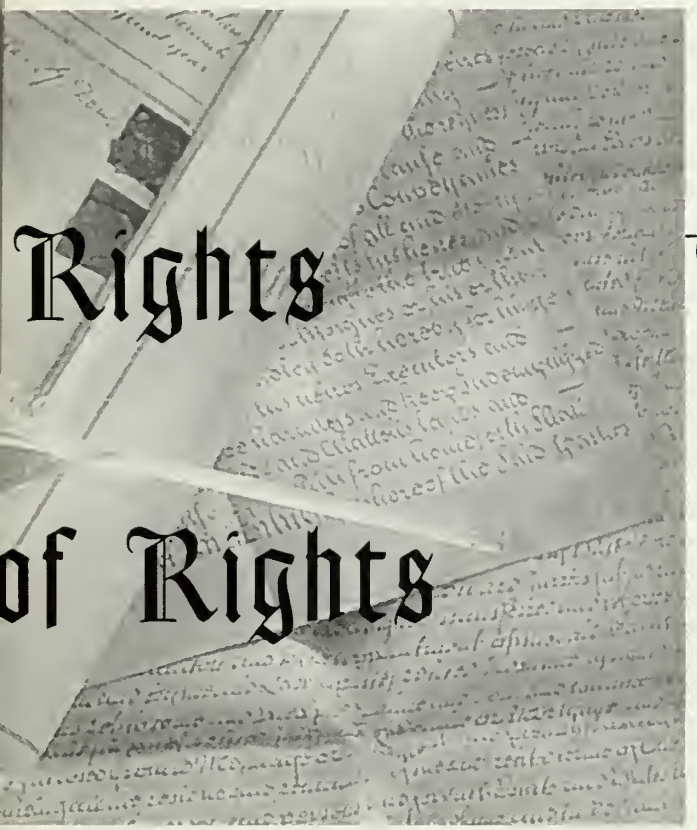
Disagree. The process of coming out to oneself takes years and is a gradual process of learning to love oneself. We occasionally see people coming out at twenty or younger. This is the exception, as most do not come out till they are over thirty. This is years after the average age of first marriage. Therefore, most cannot and will not come out to their wives before marriage, as they have not yet come out to themselves. After coming out to themselves, a certain amount of time must pass before one's comfort level is sufficient to come out to anyone else. The longer the attachment to a spouse, the more reticence there will be toward coming out. Therefore a person may feel more comfortable coming out to a complete stranger. Coming out to members of a support group, or even a store clerk, represents little risk of loss if rejected. The perceived and actual risk of loss of affection in coming out to a spouse is much greater. Therefore, the transgendered individual will have far greater discomfort in coming out to a spouse or parent. There is another reason it can be smarter to come out to a support group before coming out to a family member. Support groups can give CDs a greater understanding and a greater sense of confidence, along with a loss of shame and guilt. If a CD or other transgendered person comes out to loved ones in shame and guilt, shame and guilt will be reflected back in that loved one's responses. A person who comes out with confidence and love for themselves will more likely receive acceptance in return. Members of the support group can offer advice on approaches that have the greatest chance for success. A support group will also have materials to help the person in understanding this phenomenon.

J. seems to ignore a cardinal fact about marriage. It is a lifelong commitment based on trust. Where there is no trust, the marriage is based on a lie. Trust means mutual sharing and mutual giving, by both partners. The CD who chooses to hide his crossdressing from his life partner is entering a life commitment with only part of himself. This is not fair to either party. When the CD is unable to express his feminine side, tension builds. The CD will vent his frustration over other issues, leaving the partner to wonder what is wrong. Puzzling over it will do her no good, for she cannot resolve what she cannot see.

How often have I head a CD whine, "I can't tell my wife! She'd never understand!" Yet a CD's wife is usually his best friend. Data from Bullough and Weinberg demonstrates the truth of this statement. While wives are ambivalent

towards the crassdressing itself, 78% express a desire to wark through crassdressing issues, and only 14% reject their husbands. Even though the crassdressing itself is an unexpected revelatian, most wives describe their marriages as happy.

And what af Marge, the store clerk, in wham J. would repase his canfidence? She is baund ta him by no special ties. Why shauld she maintain his trust? As likely as not, she will share the juicy tidbit with her friend Sally, the secretary, wha will pass it an ta her hairdresser, wha will tell the CD's wife. Expased befare his entire community, the CD now must face nat anly the issue af dressing, but alsa must deal simultaneously with his betrayal of his wife's trust, his children's pain, and repercussions at wark. And all because he would nat trust his life partner!



When a CD informs his wife about his gender gift, he shauld da sa with love and canfidence. If the CD has accepted himself, his wife will be mare likely ta accept him. Because af sacial attitudes, many CDs need help ta achieve self-acceptance. The suggestion, hawever, that a CD cansult "members af a suppart graup" before cammunicating with his life partner is incredible fally. Such individuals have na prafessianal credentials. At best their advice is based an anecdatal experiences. Sometimes, hawever, it is actuated by a private agenda. All too often, their caunsel is that the CD is entitled to do as he pleases. Much mare prudent is to write one of the large internatianal suppart ar prafessianal arganizatians far referral to a degreed prafessional wha has experience warking with CDs and their relatianships. When he tells his wife, the CD may do well to have a prafessianal therapist in his carner. Not only will the therapist work with him an self-acceptance issues, he will also be available ta suppart the couple after the sharing. "Members of a suppart graup" may pump up the ego, but the knowledge af a degreed prafessianal will share up the relatianship.

> But why should there be a battlefield at all?

2

We have the right to honest and open communication with our husbands, with negotiation and compromise on both sides, particularly in regard to allocation of family resources and in matters pertaining to telling our children. Old patterns of selfishness and deception must cease.

Disagree. Whether one is in a transgendered relationship or not, if allocation of family resources is a problem, then a budget should be established. This budget will include housing, clothing, food, transportation, entertainment and a discretionary fund. A discretionary fund could be set for each partner, with money available to that person for whatever use desired without having to justify or explain expenditures. Once spent, no additional money would be available for those discretionary items. In matters involving children, secrecy is never the best policy. Negotiation should take place on how to broach the subject. Children have a right to know and love their father as he is.

What a graphic example af the need for Right #2! Rather than trying ta understand the pravision, J. has fallen into the masculine trap of imposing salutions! A discretionary accaunt is indeed a valuable salutian for some couples. For other couples, other optians may wark better. But Right #2 is not about solutians; it is, rather, about the necessity for honest, two-way communication, negotiation, and compromise in reaching them. Mutual salutions are likely to be more lasting than thase impased by fiat.

J.'s second paragraph makes a neat little exercise for the reader. Having analyzed the paragraph, imagine yaurself as his partner, sitting dawn with him ta discuss the sensitive issue af whether ta tell the children about his crassdressing. What does J. claim by fiat? What does he leave negotiable? What feelings does his attitude arause in you?

3

We have the right not be be pushed to "accept" things before we have had time to learn enough about them and to begin to get used to them.

May disagree. If Frances meant that a husband has no right to expect a wife's involvement in an activity with which she is uncomfortable, I wholeheartedly agree. If she means that a wife has a right to dictate or veto a husband's right to group involvement, to wear inside the home clothing of his choice, then I disagree.

Only J. mentions dictating and vetoing, and he does a lat af both in his article. Again and again a mutual approach, with negatiation and compramise an both sides (See Right #2) has proved successful in finding mutually comfartable solutions to crassdressing issues, including crassdressing at hame and attending suppart graups. Love is the catalyst for mutual giving. Ignoring the discamfart of his partner, J. would vigorously defend his right ta his choices. He may find himself in total control - of an empty battlefield. But why should there be a battlefield at all? When a couple employs a mutually giving appraach, the canflict becomes their camman oppanent. The ensuing victory is not his, not hers, but theirs!

4

We have the right to our husbands as men, the men we married, men who maintain a positive, healthy masculinity while "exploring their femininity" and seek neither to evade responsibilites nor to appropriate our own feminine roles.

Disagree. Men and women will continue to grow and change whether in a marriage relationship or not. Neither person will remain the person we married. I'm not sure what a 'healthy masculinity' is. If Frances means stereotypical societal gender roles and behavior, then we differ. Just as feminists have argued that women have a right to grow beyond stereotypical feminine roles and behavior, so do men. True equality means all people have a right to be all they can and to choose a personality expression that is comfortable for them. Just as women have

won the right to appropriate stereotypical male roles, such as chief breadwinner, leader within the community, head of household, and protector, so men have the right to appropriate stereotypical feminine roles, like nurturer, housekeeper, and child-rearing. Some expect men to remain in the stereotypical male role of strength, chief breadwinner, and dominant decisive male, fulfilling all the stereotypical male models, while at the same time women's stereotypical roles and behaviors have been blown asunder. True equality is allowing each person to assume a role in the family that is appropriate to that person. Each person sharing according to their ability the responsibilities of financial support, care of the home, child-rearing, or whatever.

All too many CDs appropriate for themselves the nicest parts of femininity, leaving the less desirable roles for the wife. They love to play the glamour girl in sassy black dress and patent heels, ready for a night on the town. But drag themselves out of bed for a 2AM feeding, never! This attitude is, of course, selfish, and wives resent such double standards. Others indulge in daredevil behavior, which may lead to loss of their jobs and jeopardize the welfare of their families.

J. knows quite well that for years CDs have espoused "healthy masculinity" as opposed to "macho masculinity" with its confining standards. He has simply set up a straw man and proceeded to lecture it to bits. The key word, of course, is "sharing," in contrast to "appropriating," which means "preempting" or "usurping." There is no difference of opinion here. But why is J. so eager to use that word "disagree"?

> The Wives' Bill of Rights is a matter of common sense. Mutual respect and trust, honesty, negotiation and compromise are the bedrock of any committed relationship.

5

We have the right to our husbands' masculine male bodies. Neither partner in a marriage has the right to alter body features without the full knowledge and consent of the other.

Partially agree. For a husband to undergo sex reassignment surgery, breast enhancement or hormone therapy without notifying the spouse, is wrong, and to expect a purely heterosexual woman to remain in a relationship with that person is highly unrealistic. A wife has a right to know before these steps are taken so she can contact a divorce lawyer. Short of those steps, I believe a man has certain rights to his body that are inalienable. A person who has no desire to have a beard has the right to remove their hair growth in any manner, whether temporary or permanent. The expense for this should come out of the person's discretionary fund, whether or not this leaves little or no money for any other spending from that fund. A person, whether male or female, surely has a right to have or not have pierced ears, shaved legs, shaved underarms, or whatever, without expecting to face ridicule. The present custom of women shaving legs and underarms is less than one hundred years old, and many feminists have argued that no one should ridicule a woman who chooses not to shave these areas. Conversly, men should have the right to shave their bodies without being open to ridicule.

The problem with this argument is that body modifications impact people to whom the CD bears special responsibilities. For example, tactile sensations from her husband's body hair may be a significant factor in a wife's sexual response. The CD should consider carefully before allowing an "I wanna" to disrupt relationship chemistry. Pierced ears, for another example, will not escape notice on the job. Many wives fear job repercussions that may jeopardize the welfare of their families. Unilateral escalations destroy the mutual trust that is the foundation for marriage. For this issue, as for others, communication, negotiation, and compromise are the key to resolution.

7

We have the right to support groups for our husbands that encourage their feminine development without denigrating healthy masculinity, that welcome us as full members on an equal basis with our husbands, and that fully support relationship commitments.

Disagree. A wife has no more right to choose her husband's support group than he has to choose or interfere with her therapy or support groups.

Nowhere does this provision state that a wife has the right to choose her husband's support group. A wife does, however, have every right to offer her input and participate in the decision-making process. Crossdressing is something that, for better or worse, husband and wife face together. Selection of a support group should, therefore, be a mutual process.

Semantics aside, however, what kind of husband would, given a choice, select a support group that denigrates masculinity, treats his wife as an inferior species, and promotes selfishness over relationship commitments?

12

We have the right to expect local, regional and national gender organizations and conventions to fully support and promote these rights in their programs and policies.

Disagree. A wife has the right to ask that these rights be brought up for discussion and be subject to alteration or amendment and be voted for or against by the group. A spouse has no right to dictate unilaterally to any support group.

Once again J. has chosen to demolish a straw man rather than answer on the point. This provision does not talk about "dictating unilaterally to any support group." Nor is the Wives' Bill of Rights something to be altered, amended, or voted on, in other words, controlled, by the transgender community.

Right #12 talks about the right to expect community support for the principles in the Bill of Rights. Wives have every right to expect to be a full, participating part of the community. Many CDs' issues, from guilt and shame to job discrimination, are also their wives' issues. The Wives' Bill of Rights is a matter of common sense. Mutual respect and trust, honesty, negotiation and compromise are the bedrock of any committed relationship. Just as CDs expect to be treated with dignity by the community at large, wives expect similar treatment by the transgender community.

Simply stated, the Wives' Bill of Rights is a statement of basic considerations to which wives are entitled as women, life-committed partners, and participants in the transgender community. CDs and their partners alike have every right to expect the community to promote mutuality in our relationships, and to take a stand against the selfishness which is so prevalent.

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We're Transgendered

(Dedicated to Christine Jorgensen)

Many transgendered people are out and proud. But far the largest number live closeted, fearful, often guilt-ridden lives. Many of these closeted transpeople dare not come out—they are afraid of losing jobs, partners, loved ones. Tragically these are valid concerns for TGs—particularly married crossdressers with children, and transsexuals and others living in very conservative communities. Equally tragically, many others trans could come out safely, but remain convinced that revelation of their transgender nature would spell personal and professional doom.

What few people within, and without, the transgender community realize, however, is just how many TGs have already come out—and come out successfully. The figures are in the hundreds. Although there is a general perception that the majority of TGs who have declared themselves so, publicly are transsexuals—the facts do not bear it out. Our survey revealed these pioneering souls are a mix of crossdressers, transgenderists, androgynes, gender-benders, transsexuals, and others. Their jobs cover the entire employment spectrum, from auto mechanics to the civil service, from attorneys to performers, from therapists to fire fighters, from CPAs to peace officers.

Continuing in this issue, we feature a year long tribute to 100 of these transpeople who are out, proud—and successful. Each issue salutes 25 transpersonalities (there were just too many to crowd into one issue). The experiences—and accomplishments—of these individuals serve as an inspiration to everyone who is TG, whether it is practical for them to come out or not. By being out and visible to the public, these TGs are helping to increase tolerance and acceptance of transgender by the world at large.

Saluting 100 trans personalities who have come out successfully in life and work

26 Christine-Jane Wilson

Possibly the TG community's premier cartoonist is the UK's Christine-Jane Wilson, whose work has appeared in leading TG publications world-wide. Though she's quick with the jokes, when it comes to cartooning, Ms. Wilson is serious about educating the public about crossdressing and other gender issues. So much so that she's appeared on the "telly," as our Brit friends say, and in magazines and newspapers throughout the UK. The impact on her printing business? Nil! Christine-Jane sent us what she says is "not a self-portrait! I'm much older and not as pretty." But we would have to disagree, except for the glasses, it seems a pretty close match.

27 Jody Norton

Jody Norton is a lecturer in English Language and Literature at Eastern Michigan U, where she "always dresses to give conference papers...as a matter of political principle." A self-identified "boy-who-grew-up-to-be-a-woman" and the married father of three who lives full-time, Norton tries to "be there for the ones s/he loves while always remaining true to hirself." According to Jody, some of them "need a dad, some a teacher, one a husband, others a friend in recovery." And many MtFs think it's enough challenge just to walk in ultra-high heels!

29 Rosalyne Blumenstein

Talk about turning heads when you change sex. Rosalyne Blumenstein did more than that. She turned her life around. From substance abuser and sex worker to Director of the Gender Identity Project at the Gay Community Services Center in New York City. That's the story of Rosalyne Blumenstein in a nutshell. Now she shares her hard-won wisdom with others who are still on the street, trying to help turn their lives around too. Out, proud and doing good deeds – now that's our kind of transgal!

28 Pamela Davis

Transsexual Pamela Davis has something to sing about. Namely the songwriter/performer's CD/cassette album *Play to Win*. Being TG hasn't held her back a bit in the music industry, either. Everyone who's reviewed it, from music industry publications like *Metronome*, to major newspapers like *The Boston Globe*, has given it top marks in all aspects, from music to vocals to the lyrics. Like so many TGs who have come out successfully, Davis' secret is simple: She (drumroll, please) plays to win!

30 Jacob Hale

Jacob Hale's therapist told him to change locality, job and his identity when he transitioned. Theoretically, it sounded like good advice, especially since Hale was a professor in the California State University system, and just up for tenure. Instead, he followed his own philosophy and transitioned the same year his tenure was under review. Result: Tenure, no hassles, and no secrets. No wonder, either, that Hale's philosophy carried the day – it should. After all, philosophy is what he's professor of.

31 Tammy TwoTone

Sometimes it seems the TGs who have the best luck coming out are the ones who capitalize on, rather than play down, being gender-gifted. Case in point: Ms. TwoTone, who made a career out of it. Billed as "the crossdressing comedienne," she has been generating laughs throughout New England and its environs. At her recent wedding, Ms. TwoTone and her spouse both wore white lace (photos to come if we can talk her out of them). Meanwhile, her stationary bears both her male and femme names. Secretive. she isn't; successful, she is.

32 k.d. lang

First, she came out as a lesbian. Now, k.d. lang's out as a drag king with her new album, *Drag*. Only problem is, she's pictured in a man's suite, not drag. on the album. If you want to see her in drag, check out *Vogue*. According to Lang, its the first time she ever dolled up in evening gowns and full makeup. According to the Lang, she didn't like the experience, either. Otherwise, she'd be a FtM MtF crossdresser!

33 Susan Kimberly

Ever since she sported a "Harry Truman for President" button to her first grade class in 1948, Minnesota native Susan Kimberly has been involved in politics. She served ten years and two terms on a St. Paul city council seat and in 1994 ran for the Ramsey County board as an openly transsexual woman. Kimberly lost to her opponent (citing her defeat stemmed from a poorly managed campaign more than from her being transgendered), but has remained active in her state's politics. She helped organize the GLBT community in St. Paul when she was employed as a consultant, and later an aide to former Mayor George Latimer. Kimberly also lobbied with Campaign '90s to reinstate inclusive language into the St. Paul human rights ordinance. She is currently the leader of a 20-person team for the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, that involves housing, economic development, workforce development and planning for the Southwest quadrant of St. Paul.

34 Jeri Lee

It's no more Mr./Ms. Hide Guy/Gal for the publishing mogul of the highly successful, Nevada-based crossdressing magazine, *Transformation*, and fetish zine, *Bizarre*. For years Jeri only came out at work and while with family. But, due to the well-intentioned spousal goading and now much to the delight of his wife, Jean, Jeri dresses "nearly 100 percent" of his/her life. When Jeri isn't working on another magazine issue, she/he, Jean and their three dogs pack up the RV for a little R & R. If there was enough space for the letters, Jeri's motorhome license plate would read, "I'm who I am."

35 Holly Boswell

Holly migrated to Asheville, NC, "the stretch-mark in the Bible Belt," as a back-to-the-land flower child in 1976. She gender-shifted throughout three marriages and many years in local theater, before transitioning to full-time while working at a major publishing house. Holly's landmark 1991 essay in *Transgender*, "The Transgender Alternative," and subsequent workshops at Southern Comfort and around the country, helped spearhead the TG movement as we know it. She is also known for brining the spiritual dimension back into the transgender experience. Her Kindred Spirits Bed & Breakfast and Retreats invite everyone into gender-free space.

36 Martine Rothblatt

Perhaps the most successful out member of the TG community is Martine Rothblatt, former Vice-Chair of the International Bar Association's Bio-ethics Subcommittee. Martine was the attorney who won FCC permission to launch the first ever private international satellite television system, ultimately making possible CNN, HBO, and many other wonders. She has also been instrumental in creating new international treaties that allow global cellular telephony via satellite and international broadcast of radio programming directly to listeners. Ms. Rothblatt is also one of the leading experts in TG Law, author of *The Apartheid of Sex*, and co-author of *Medical, Legal and Workplace Issues for the Transsexual*. If nothing else, Ms. Rothblatt's successes prove not even the sky's the limit for TGs.

37 Pat Califia

Just a few short years ago, MtF crossdressers were lamenting, "Where are the female-to-male crossdressers?" Suddenly, like June, they're busting out all over. The *New York Post* ran an article on the Big Apple's emergent drag king scene. Now lesbian, author, anthologist, and psychotherapist Pat Califia's emerged from her TG closet, admitting in her new book, *Sex Changes: The Politics of Transgenderism*, that she's always been a FtM TG, who identified as a CD rather than TS, for political and philosophical reasons. Either way, in her black leather jacket, Michael Jackson zippers, and near crew-cut, all we can say is, "What a hunk! Glad you've joined the TG movement, Pat!"

38 Stephen Whittle

Stephen Whittle, co-founder of the UK's FTM Network, Press for Change (the British TG rights group), Professor of Law at the University of Manchester, editor of *Boy's Own* newsletter, is a transman with a mission. Stephen's mission is to secure the same rights for TGs in the UK that all its other citizens enjoy – from the right to change gender on one's legal records after surgery, to marriage, job security, and a host of other matters. Some might say its a "mission impossible," but like Jim Phelps, Whittle would probably answer that no mission is impossible with the will, the ingenuity and the right team. In fact, we're willing to bet that Stephen is just the right man to...whittle the problem down to a manageable size.

39 Terri Arnaldi

Philadelphia has a new Liberty Belle. Not every Drag Queen is a member of the TG community and not every TG is a Drag Queen. But Terri Arnaldi manages to straddle both worlds nicely. A self-styled "Drag Queen of the Blues," Arnaldi has enchanted audiences with her unique vocalizations, at dozens of clubs in the Philadelphia area. Arnaldi has also performed for the local chapter of Renaissance, where she has many friends, and at TG memorial services, where the blues, alas, were all too appropriate. However, Arnaldi isn't feeling blue about her success as an openly-TG performer. In fact, she's got a song on her heart.

41 Kate Bornstein

It was Kate Bornstein who showed the rest of us that the water's fine, come on in. It her case, the message was come on out—of the closet, that is. A performer who made being TS the core of her act, Kate came out with a bang and encountered—success! Then she turned the material from her performance into a hit book, *Gender Outlaw*, which in turn led to her newest literary sensation, *My Gender Workbook: How to Become a Real Man, a Real Woman, the Real You, or Something Else Entirely*. Kate's also a tireless promoter of TG causes and speaker at TG conventions. We guess the reason she wrote a workbook is that Kate has real class!

40 E.J. Gold

What can anyone say about E.J. Gold, trans person extraordinary? E.J.'s paintings hang in the White House and various museums. One famous actor recently sent him $1000 as payment after reading just one of E.J.'s books. Meanwhile his activities as human potentials facilitator and explorer of dream-walking (and other ASCs) continue unabated. E.J. has even conducted workshops in crossdressing as a method of personal and social insight. One well-known feminist shrink was scandalized at E.J.'s crossdressing. She quizzed one of his friends, "I hear E.J. Gold wears dresses around the house. What's with that?" "E.J. has his reasons," was the reply. "Why don't you ask him about it?" That's one question we sure don't have to ask around here.

42 Laurie Auffant

TGs seem to be entering the ministry in droves. Now add Laurie Auffant to that list. Kind of does in the old image of ministers preaching hellfire and damnation against men in dresses and women who wear pants and smoke cigars, doesn't it? In fact, Laurie Auffant preached hir first sermon recently. Needless-to-say, it was about all the good things the Bible has to say about TGs (in the guise of eunuchs and others). What we can't resist saying about TG ministers, priests, rabbis, and other clergy is, "Coming soon to a town near you."

43 Gina Lance

She's been crossdressing since age five. She's in a relationship with a professional woman. She's a successful model. And, these days, she's the marketing director for Jim Bridges' new mail order clothing line. So when Gina Lance heard local radio talk show host John Kobylt declare the one thing in he couldn't handle was "men in dresses," Ms. Lance just had to do something. What she did was mail a copy of Bridges new catalog to Mr. Kobylt. Invited on the show with Jim, an hour of heated discussion ensued. One happy wife of a CD phoned in to enthuse about her husband's feminine side. Great going, Ms. Lance, for leaving no opportunity to educate people about TG unturned.

45 Diane Hughes

She's as out as a TG girl can be. She also publishes her own full color newsstand magazine, *TG Lifestyles*. But hold on. The TG stands for transglobal not transgender. But you'll find lots of interest to TGs. Fashion, glamour, makeup, Drag Queens, and a good deal more. Shows what a TG can accomplish with a dream and a bit of get up and go. Diane has her magazine up and going, because she got up and went.

44 Tula (Caroline Cossey)

Her Sauza ad, "She's a He. Life is harsh, your Tequila shouldn't be!" drew flack from the TG community. Nevertheless, the debt this community owes her is enormous. Her best-selling autobiography, *My Story*, served as the inspiration for a whole generation of transsexuals. Her appearances on the covers of *Vogue*, *Playboy*, and in the 007 movie, *You Only Live Twice*, earned her international fame for her beauty. When her transsexual background was revealed, the result was a temporary cessation of work. But Tula was soon back on top with the Sauza ad and other juicy assignments. As one *Playboy* reader wrote, "I don't care what she is. I'd like a date with her." We'll drink to that (V-8 Juice, of course).

46 Deirdre McCloskey

Transitioning on the job may seem challenging enough when you're out of the limelight, working as a dental hygienist or in a warehouse. Imagine how challenging it is to do so in the public eye. Kudos, therefore, to Deidre McCloskey, Ph.D., professor of economics at the University of Iowa. McCloskey risked her academic career when she opted for male-to-female reassignment surgery. Even more daring is McCloskey's theory of economics: that all human behavior can *not* be reduced to self-interest because people often "act out of love, too." How did professor McCloskey's colleagues react? How hard was it to keep her job? Female colleagues in a national academic association threw her a combined birthday party and shower, with pink balloons announcing, "It's a Girl!"

47 Dennis Rodman

Coming out as a crossdresser would once have spelled instant doom for an athlete's career. Today, it just seems to mean extra income in "product endorsements." Perhaps the bad boy (or is that bad girl?) of the TG community, Dennis Rodman is also the highest paid. Maybe his bad attitude is just the natural result of having to play in the boy's league when (with the exception of the pay-scale), he so clearly would prefer those cute little outfits the women's league wears. Or maybe it's just the cheerleaders he's jealous of. Cheer up, Dennis. With your salary, an evening of shopping at Lane Bryant ought to brighten the picture significantly.

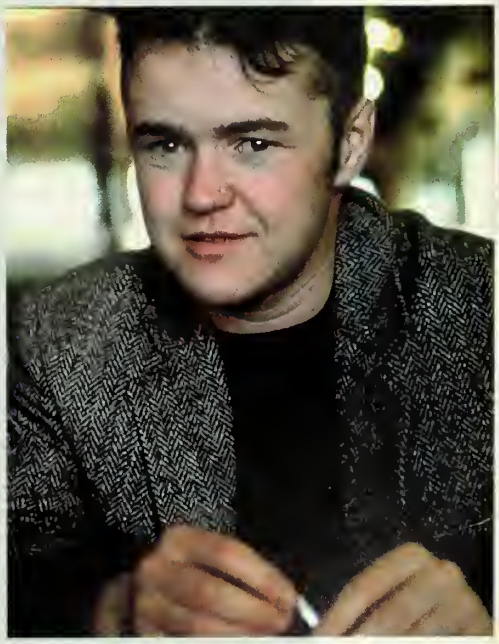
49 Linda Phillips

Out, proud, and with spouse Cynthia, Linda Phillips hosts of one of the TG community's premier events, the celebrated Texas "T" Party. Linda (and Cynthia) have helped hundreds of transgendered folk through their Texas-based Boulton and Park Society. And if your car breaks down on the way, don't worry, Linda, an ace mechanic, will help fix that, too. As for customers, the decision is easy, let Cynthia work on your car, or settle for second-best and get a non-transgendered person to do the job.

48 Jane Fee

Minnesota is the only state in the Union that explicitly includes TG in the State Laws prohibiting discrimination. This remarkable set of circumstances is due to Major. Jane Fee, Ret., active member of the Minnesota Democratic Party, the Rainbow Form, the Episcopal Church, It's Time America, and more organizations that we have room to list here. She spearheaded the movement to get the Minnesota anti-discrimination bill passed, she also travels *en femme* as an unofficial TG ambassador throughout the world. When it comes to TG activism, no one could ever say her efforts were fee-ble!

50 David Harrison



Hunk, playwright, and activist, David Harrison was a major inspiration in the formation of the FtM community. His play *FTM* proves a big hit with TG audiences every time it is performed or read. Active in TG and other queer causes, David remains committed to the cause of TG rights and the freedom of gender expression.

tammy twotone

(One way to win people over is to get them laughing with you, instead of at you. Tammy TwaTane, billed as "the crossdressing comedienne," has been doing exactly that for herself and the TG community. Her act has appeared in clubs throughout the New England states, and by the end of each evening, she has even the most hostile audiences eating out of her hand. Part stand-up comic, part philosopher, part performance artist, Ms. TwoTane's act consists of what she calls "a collection of random thoughts, loose ideas, bizarre fantasies, skewered opinions, and unwarranted criticism." Below are a few choice excerpts.)

If you own a dress that fits well, one that's just comfortable and fun to wear, you're doing great. If it also happens to look great on you, bonus points. Unfortunately, more often than not, the one that looks good on you seems to be getting smaller, prompting you to drop that extra weight so you can fit into it.

Any woman knows this.

But, if your name is Merv...

You've just crossed-over into

The Transvestite Zone!

* * *

"What's it like being a Transvestite?"

It's kinda like an episode of *The Twilight Zone*. I wake up in the morning and everything looks normal.

Same faces...same streets...same food...same *everything!* But...something's not right.

I can see it in your eyes—malevolence! And, I'm paranoid because I've concluded that you're all good people bent on world domination, with me as your next victim. Desperately, I try not to let you know that I'm aware of your plans. I fear every shadow, protecting myself as well, and for as long, as I can.

And, I'm in reruns—episode 212. The one with the cool spaceship...

* * *

I think in this era of television remakes into full-length motion pictures, we should redo that classic episode of *the Twilight Zone*, Matheson's "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet!"

Eddie Murphy will play the role Shatner made famous.

My suggestion is: We replace the wing-chomping, gargoyle-like creature with a wing-chomping transvestite. Much more effective.

* * *

The worst thing about being a gender-babe is rude, personal and intrusive questions. As just another amoeba in the vast and thundering gender herd, it is assumed that, like amoeba, each of 115 is a carbon copy of the other. Each and every one of us completely representative of its species. Therefore, the thinking is that any one of us is able to speak for the others, or would want to.

What's it like being a gender-babe?!

"Go away kid, you bother me!"

* * *

Transvestites are often thought of as some type of sexual, moral and psychological deviates. Not to mention a couple of bricks short of the proverbial load. The yaa-daa-daa being that this perverse nature of ours, this transformative nature, forces us to seek constant sexual gratification—a hunger seemingly grossly out of proportion to the image of chastity and virginity displayed by our political and moral leaders—a lusty insatiable sexual yearning and exhibition that is far beyond anything sane or rational. We're painted by the "Normal Police" as overactive and dangerous, an unnatural and immoral deviation that is destroying us individually and as a society.

(Could just be sour grapes.)

We are a plague on the world, a scourge to decent, normal people. The subject of constant ridicule, we are highly-prized talk-show guests.

Whew! Can I have a day off?

I'm tired.

* * *

Personally, I'm not really happy with our gender-bender movies. And there are quite a spate of them out there nowadays let me tell ya. Most of them, the majority in fact, are very disappointing. It's so bad that should this trend continue, it will be the undoing of us all.

So, I say silently to myself, as I sit here in a red cocktail dress, matching ankle-strap stiletto heels, my blonde hair cascading over my exposed shoulders and onto my breasts, pouty, full lips puckered in deep concentration, "That means I'll have to sit down and write one."

Then, sitting myself down and crossing my legs, I stare at my long velvet lashes in the mirror strategically placed on my desk for narcissistic effect and check my eye shadow for imperfections.

"First off," I tell myself, swinging swiftly and daintily into action "I'd have to show that Transvestites, Transsexuals, Transgenderists Drag Queens, Hermaphrodites, and other Gender Folk have a sense-of-humor." I write this on a legal pad, my long sculptured nails moving lightly over the page.

At the same moment, I imagine a warm hand moving across my breasts. I sigh, delighting in the soft caress, temporarily distracting myself from the point that the sexuality should be handled in a mature and positive manner. The idea being one of celebrating the uniqueness and richness of difference and its importance to the individual as well as the society they live in.

> What's it like being a gender-babe?!

I swing my ankle around, playfully, my pointed toe swinging into view followed by a flash of heel, while my nyloned thighs move together, all the while contemplating the difficult task of making something both humorous and serious out of such explosive and misunderstood subject matter.

Flashes of nervousness, adrenaline, and anticipation travel through my nerves and into my veins, the mixture causing my nipples to harden, and...Slowing my motions to languidity, warmly, caressingly, hesitatingly, the full weight of my realization spreads over me. Every fiber of my being aching in loving, screaming, soul-fulfilling ecstasy.

Ahhhhhhhhhhh...

...The hell with movies!

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Anymore questions?

Self-Portrait: Tammy TwoTone

uncensored

What is Your Gender Aptitude?

Take this amazing test and find out!

Kate Bornstein

We live in the latter days of what might as well be called the "Age of Identity." The part of ourselves we show to others might be called an identity. Ideally, our identities are an accurate reflection of who we feel we are. Some people give this identity a name: they call it "The Real Me." There are books, television shows, college-level courses, tapes, videos, focus groups, cults—all promising that we can learn to be an identity called "the real me." Why, I'm wondering, would we need to learn to be that, unless there was so much pressure coming from the rest of the world making us not be "the real me?" There are obviously enough people in the world who think they're not being "the real me" to keep all these others in business trying to teach them. Does your gender (identity) match up with who you feel yourself to be? Do you think your gender is an accurate reflection of everything, you are? Everything you could possibly be? Does your gender match up with the real you? Let's see.

Just how freewheeling and open are you when it comes to the subjects of gender and sexuality? Here's a series of questions that will give you a good idea of exactly where you stand when it comes to gender. This isn't a quiz or an exam to see how good you are at this. There are no right or wrong answers. Just take your time and check off the answers that most nearly match the way you feel about each question. When you're done, you'll know your GA—your Gender Aptitude.

SECTION I: ASSUMPTIONS

Which of the following most accurately describes you?

A. I'm a real man.

B. I'm a real woman.

C. I'm not a real man or a real woman, but I'd like to be.

D. None of the above. I'm something else entirely.

(Give yourself 5 points for each A answer, 3 points for every B, 1 point for a C, and no points for any D answers. Write your score for this section here: ____.)

SECTION II: PERCEPTIONS

1. Do you stand up to pee?

A. Yup, most of the time.

B. No.

C. Well, I've tried it a few times.

D. It all depends on the effect I want to create.

2. Have you ever worn the clothes of "the opposite sex"?

A. Hey, give me a break. No way!

B. Yes, but when *I* wear them, they're for the **right** sex.

C. What sex in the world would be opposite of *me?*

D. Several of the above.

3. Do you shave?

A. Yup. Except when I'm growing my beard or mustache.

B. Depends. I go back and forth on the hairy armpit thing.

C. Where?

D. Yes, but not myself.

4. When you go into a department store to buy yourself clothing, do you shop mostly in a department labeled for your assigned gender?

A. Well, duh! Where else?

B. No, because sometimes the other departments have stuff that fits me better.

C. Yes, because it's very important to me to do that.

D. I will shop in any department for anything that's fabulous.

5. Are there things you can do in the world because of your gender that others can't do because of theirs?

A. Yes, but that's just the way the world is.

B. Yeah, but they get paid well for doing what they can do.

C. I used to think so.

D. Honey, I've never let a little thing like gender get in my way.

6. Are there things you can't do in the world because of your gender that others can?

A. No. Well, maybe I can't have a baby, but who wants to? Ha ha !

B. Well, duh. Of course.

C. I used to think it was because of my gender. Yeah.

D. Maybe a long time ago, back before I met the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion.

7. When the store clerk asks, "How can I help you, sir?" you—

A. Smile.

B. Wince.

C. Curse.

D. Curtsy.

8. When the store clerk looks up at you inquiringly and says, "Yes, ma'am?", you—

A. Wish you'd *grown* that mustache after all.

B. Smile.

C. Purr.

D. Brightly exclaim, "Gee I'm sorry. Would you like to try for Door Number Three?"

9. Basic black looks best...

A. On my new BMW.

B. With pearls.

C. With anything.

D. Well, dip me in honey and throw me to the Goth chicks.

10. Have you read the book Gender Outlaw by Kate Bornstein?

A. Nope. Is it a Western?

B. I'd say what I really think about that book, but I'm nervous about how that might effect my aptitude score.

C. Yes, and I loved it!

D. I could've written it better.

(Give yourself 5 points for each A answer, 3 points for every B, 1 point for a C, and no points for any D answers. Write your score for this section here: ____.)

Section III: Integrity

1. Has someone else ever accused you of being not really a man, or not really a woman?

A. No.

B. Yes.

C. No, but *I've* felt that myself.

D. Yes, and I've had to agree with them.

2. You're in the middle of the sidewalk in broad daylight. Your lover leans over and kisses you hard and long on the mouth. Do you—

A. Kiss back and lose yourself in the moment?

B. Start to panic about who might be watching and what might happen to you?

C. Thank heaven for Max Factor more-or-less permanent lipstick?

D. Offer to sell tickets to gawking passersby?

3. Has it ever happened that you've been in a group of people who are similarly gendered to you and you find yourself behaving in a way that is gender inappropriate?

A. No.

B. No, I'm very careful about that.

C. Yes.

D. *Yes.* it happens all the time.

4. You receive an invitation to a concert. The top of the invitation reads. "All Genders welcome." Do you—

A. Wonder why they phrased it like that.

B. Get nervous about who or what might show up.

C. Feel defensive.

D. Feel included.

5. Have you ever been mistaken for being a member of a gender other than that which you think you're presenting?

A. No.

B. Yes.

C. Yes, but not as frequently as before.

D. I intentionally try to confuse people.

6. Have you ever agonized over your appearance to the point of canceling a social obligation because you feel you don't look right or you don't fit in?

A. No.

B. Yes, I've agonized, but haven't canceled.

C. It doesn't have to be some social obligation: sometimes it's just easier not to leave the house.

D. Yes.

7. Have you ever been discriminated against, harassed, or attacked because of your gender presentation?

A. No.

B. No. I've been careful.

C. Yes, and it happens to women every hour of the day.

D. Yes.

8. Is acceptance by or membership in some men's or women's organization important to you?

A. Not really.

B. Yes.

C. Yes, but I don't hold out much hope for that.

D. No, we're starting our own.

9. Which of the following most nearly matches your definition for the word transgender?

A. It's some disorder that results in men cutting off their penises.

B. Being born in the wrong body, or having the wrong sex for your gender.

C. Changing from one gender to another, or just looking like you've done that

D. Transgressing gender, breaking the rules of gender in any way at all.

10. Which of these phrases describes you most accurately when it comes to rules about personal behavior and identity?

A. I pretty much make up the rules to suit my needs, and I follow those rules as long as I'm getting some thing out of it.

B. I think man's social and cultural rules governing individual behavior and identity are necessary.

C. I'm trying to figure out which rules to follow and which rules to ignore.

D. Rules? Honey, the Identity Police have arrested me so many times, I've got a cell with my name on it.

(Give yourself 5 points for each A answer, 3 points for every B, 1 point for a C, and no points for any D answers. Write your score for this section here: ____.)

SECTION IV: Flexibility.

1. When the kind of person to whom you are normally attracted begins to flirt heavily with you, you—

A. Envision the great sex you're going to have later tonight.

B. Try to get to know this person a bit better.

C. Panic because it's been so long and you wonder if you know how to do it right any more.

D. Flirt right back, matching move for move.

2. When the kind of person that normally turns you off begins to flirt heavily with you, you—

A. Hit the person.

B. Leave.

C. Tell them, "Honey, you flirt with this hand."

D. See if there's anything about it you can enjoy, as long as it's only flirting.

3. When was the last time you were aware of something about your gender that was holding you back in the world?

A. I can't recall a time like that.

B. Do you want that in minutes or seconds?

C. Do you mean the times I did something about it, or the times it overwhelmed me?

D. It was just before I changed my gender the last time.

4. How many genders do you really think there are?

A. Two.

B. Well, there are two sexes. Is that what you mean?

C. I'm gaing to guess there are lots af genders and two sexes.

D. When da yau want me ta stap caunting?

5. Do you feel it's possible for someone to change his/her gender?

A. No And what does "hir" mean, flake-o?

B. I think peaple can try, but na. Nat really. no.

C. Yes, with proper supervision, surgery, and harmanes.

D. Haw many times?

6. What do you believe the essential sign of gender to be?

A. The presence ar absence af a penis.

B. A combination of genitalia, secandary sex characteristics, harmones, and chramosomes.

C. It's an energy thing. People have male or female energy.

D. Whatever.

7. If someone tells you they're neither a man nor a woman, and you find out they mean it, you think to yourself—

A. This person is either kidding or is really, really sick.

B. Paar, brave dear!

C. Whaa! What a trip!

D. I faund anather ane at last!

8. If you meet someone who you think is one gender, but you find out they used to be another gender; you think to yourself—

A. Is this some castume party?

B. The poar, brave dear!

C. Wow. and I didn't even knaw!

D. Yeah, yeah. But can yau da a goad Elvis?

9. If you see someone on the street whose gender is unclear to you, do you—

A. Dismiss that persan as a freak?

B. Try ta figure aut if it's a man or a woman?

C. Mentally give them a makeaver so they can pass better as ane ar the ather?

D. Notice they're staring at yau, trying to figure aut what ***you*** are?

10. Is the male/female dichotomy something natural?

A. Well, duh, of course.

B. It's prabably a cambinatian af nature and nurture.

C. Probably, but there are a lat af exceptions walking around!

D. There's a male/female dichotomy? On what planet?

(Give yourself 5 paints far each A answer, 3 paints far every B, 1 paint far a C, and na paints for any D answers. Write your scare far this section here: ____.)

SECTION V: LOVE AND SEX

1. Do you have a "type" of person you regularly fall for?

A. Definitely, yes.

B. I try to keep my mind apen about this sart af thing, but I usually fall for one type.

C. I seem ta fall far lats af types af people. but usually they're all the same gender.

D. What? You want to knaw if I fall far typists? What a silly questian. I fall far anyane I can cannect with and who connects with me.

2. If you fell in love with a heterosexual woman, you would be—

A. Pleased as punch.

B. Really confused.

C. Nervaus as hell.

D. Curiaus, curiaus, curiaus.

3. If you fell in love with a heterosexual man, you would be—

A. Reassuring yaurself that the ald Greeks had friendships like that.

B. Pleased as punch.

C. Nervaus as hell.

D. Curiaus, curiaus, curiaus.

4. If you fell in love with a lesbian woman, you would be—

A. Apprehensive, but titillated.

B. Nervaus as hell.

C. Pleased as punch.

D. Curious, curiaus, curiaus.

5. If you fell in love with a gay man, you would be—

A. Reassuring yaurself that the old Greeks had friendships like that.

B. Resigned ta yaur fate.

C. Pleased as punch.

D. Curiaus, curious, curiaus.

6. If you fell in love with a woman who used to be a man, you would be—

A. Cancerned haw well she wauld pass in public.

B. Wandering why yau cauldn't have met her *before* her change.

C. Nervaus as hell.

D. Curious, curiaus, curiaus.

7. If you fell in love with a man who used to be a woman, you would be—

A. Canvinced that he's really a woman and you're nat really a faggat.

B. Really canfused.

C. Nervaus as hell.

D. Curiaus, curious, curiaus.

8. Who's ultimately responsible for birth control?

A. She is.

B. He is.

C. I am.

D. Honey, I haven't had ta warry abaut that ane for *years!*

9. I like it—

A. On the bottam.

B. On the top.

C. In the middle.

D. Yes, I do!

10. Who's ultimately responsible for keeping sex safe during this time of the AIDS epidemic?

A. I am.

B. I am.

C. I am.

D. All af the abave.

(Give yourself 5 points far each A answer, 3 paints for every B, 1 paint far a C, and na paints for any D answers. Write yaur scare far this sectian here: ____.)

SECTION VI: NO GENDER

1. Which one of the following statements most nearly matches your idea of gender?

A. Gender simply is. If yau dan't like yaurs, get aver it.

B. I've been warking an my awn gender for a long time, and I'm getting ta the paint where I may actually have made it my awn.

C. I think there's a lot abaut gender that we dan't know abaut yet, and I wander why that might be.

D. Gender is what happens ta me when I get dressed in the marning.

2. Which one of the following statements most nearly matches your feelings about gender?

A. My *what* abaut gender?

B. I guess my feelings range anywhere from anger and frustratian to happi ness and exhilaratian.

C. Gender confuses me. I don't knaw

why it is the way it is.

D. I feel...I feel...I feel a song coming on!

3. Has there been any time when you've felt you have no gender?

A. No. I'm never really aware of my gender anyway.

B. No. I'm very aware of my gender nearly all the time.

C. Maybe sometimes, when I'm alone or I'm in some situation where gender doesn't matter.

D. Lots of genders, no genders, what's the difference?

4. Have you ever questioned the nature of gender itself?

A. No, it's not polite to question Mother Nature.

B. I question the nature of my gender. But gender itself? No.

C. I question gender, but I get the spooky feeling I'm not supposed to do that.

D. The nature of gender? Isn't that an oxymoron?

5. If there were no more gender, do you think there'd be any more desire?

A. Well of course not! That's why it's impossible to reach a point of no gender.

B. That's a good question. I'll have to ask my group.

C. My head says "no," but my heart says "yes."

D. Oh, dear. You really think a little thing like no gender is going to get in the way *of my* sex life?

6. If you woke up one morning and discovered you were neither a man nor a woman, you would—

A. Kill yourself, or stay in hiding the rest of your life.

B. Discuss this new development with your group.

C. Read the rest of this book as fast as you could.

D. Yawn and get dressed.

7. Do you think there's some sort of connection between your gender and your spirituality?

A. My gender and my *what?*

B. Well yes, it's all about *yin* and *yang* and the inherent duality and non-duality of the universe. isn't it?

C. Perhaps gender is part of our spiritual challenge.

D. My **what** and my spirituality?

8. Have you ever killed off part of yourself you didn't like?

A. There's really nothing about myself I don't like.

B. I've let go of parts of myself I haven't liked, yes.

C. Sometimes. Are you saying that applies to gender?

D. Oh baby, wanna see where I stashed the bodies?

9. Why are you reading this book?

A. I certainly didn't **choose** to read it, that's for sure.

B. I think it's important to understand what it is that other people experience.

C. It's been dawning on me that maybe these might sort of be, well, my issues, too.

D. Because *nearly* everything else about gender has been positively *dreary*, darling.

10. If you thought this book was leading you into some sort of radical gender change, you would—

A. Stop reading and throw the book away.

B. Finish reading the book. then sell it at the used book store.

C. Put the book up on the shelf and read it a whole lot later.

D. Ha, ha, ha. Kate would never lead anyone into that unless they wanted to be led there!

(Give yourself 5 points for each A answer, 3 points for every B, 1 point for a C, and no points for any D answers. Write your score for this section here: ____.)

CONCLUSION: YOUR GENDER APTITUDE

Congratulations! You've finished your gender aptitude questions! Now, go back and collect up all your sub-totaled scores for each section. Write the total of your score for all six sections here: ____.

You have a range of possible scores from zero to 255, and if you haven't guessed it by now, when it comes to your Gender Aptitude (GA). smaller is better. But don't fret, please. It's just an aptitude, and like any other part of human potential, with a little or a lot of work you can always improve. Let's see what the numbers translate into.

0-60: Gender Freak

Whoa! This stuff must seem like kid's play for you. Either that or water in the desert, huh? Have fun reading the book any ol' way you want to. It's going to make you feel a lot less alone in the world. Call me and let me know if I got this stuff right, will you?

61-100: Gender Outlaw

You've been working not only on your own gender, but the subject of gender itself for quite some time, huh? I'm willing to bet things are still a bit scary and a bit serious for you in your life. If I were you, I'd deal with gender with the intent to get the most fun out of it. Have a ball!

101-175: Gender Novice

Gee, it's like you have one hand in respectability and the other hand someplace where both of you like it. You're not always taken for normal, are you? In fact, you probably get infrequent but regular bouts of the gender willies from time to time, don't you? Fret not. You've got a very rewarding journey ahead of you. All it's going take is some practice.

176-235: Well Gendered

Hi ya, Mister Man! Hello, Ms. Lady! I'm guessing you're not reading this book to learn anything about yourself. Am I right? Maybe you're reading it as a class requirement, or maybe a friend or family member wanted you to read it. Well, I think that's very commendable. Keep on reading, and do what's comfortable for you to do. I promise to be gentle.

236-255: You're Captain James T. Kirk!

Omigod. I've always wanted to meet you! Can I have your autograph, please? Ah, Captain, you finally get to truly go where no man has gone before.

There. Now you know more about yourself and your relationship to gender than most people in the history of the world. Isn't that neat?

No, there's no further significance to your Gender Aptitude than that. Yes, it's accurate, but no, it's no big deal.

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crossdressing parents good or bad for children

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With crossdressers, transsexuals and other transgender persons becoming more visible within society, gender issues are now touching the lives of more children. Many people wonder if and when their children should be told a parent crossdresses or has a TG identity. There are other questions that arise as well. How do gender identity issues actually affect juvenile and adult children of TG persons? How does one deal with the attitudes of family members or friends who disagree with a TG parent telling his or her children? Can nieces and nephews be told?

As we strive to understand this issue, it is important to recognize that a variety of dynamics exists within families today. In some families, children are to be seen but not heard. In others, children may lead a joyful, carefree existence. Parents and parenting styles differ widely. Some parents have very strict, conservative values. Others, without shame or overbearing concern, freely display intimacy and share who they are with their children. As a result of these environmental differences a child's reaction to TG issues will reflect the values and ideas of their parents, inherited community and culture. Additionally, the age at which children mature may vary depending on the preceding factors, and impacts a child's readiness to hear about adult issues.

When To Tell

The most frequent question I am asked regarding disclosure to adolescents is, "What is the right age to tell?" Shortly thereafter I am then often asked about consequences. I am always cautious in responding because generalized answers do not always benefit individual circumstances. Instead, I encourage a parent to think about their child's maturity, social adjustment and dependency. This prevents the parent from using generalized answers to justify disclosing to an adolescent who is not ready to hear about gender issues.

Some of the questions I pose may sound difficult. They are, however, easy to understand if a parent is willing to invest time understanding their child's maturity and experiences. Is the child able to understand that his or her gender differs from that of opposite-sex individuals? Is he or she able to correctly identify another person's gender when referring to others? Is a child able to construct 'gender identity' abstractly during role play with other children or tangible objects such as toys? In other words, does the child realize he or she can temporarily assign gender identity for the purpose of play, yet also recognize that a person or object reverts to their actual gender once play is over?

If a parent can answer yes to the preceding questions, his or her child may

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be ready to hear about gender issues. However, there is one issue both parents and children of any age cannot overlook. This issue concerns diversity. Do both the child and parent recognize that it is okay for people to have differences, even though we may not always understand why? These differences can be in presentation, gender, sexual orientation, background, ideas, beliefs and interests. If a person cannot accept that diversity exists with others, he or she really can't expect empathy for his or her own needs. If you are a parent and have not incorporated this principle into your own life, or that of your child, you have some groundwork which needs to be done prior to disclosing gender issues. Recognizing and addressing biases or prejudices is an important part of learning how to interact with others.

Although many children over 4 years of age are intellectually capable of comprehending facts surrounding gender identity, there are a number of factors that should be considered in disclosing to children of any age information about a parent's cross-gendered behavior.

First, why is the child being told? Is it to serve the parent or in the interest of the child? For instance, certain changes may be imminent which require preparing the child by disclosure. Or the child may have suspicions that lead to confusion about his or her perceptions. It is unfair to the child not to address this even if the child does not raise the question directly. Or, a parent may be about to disclose to the larger public. It is unfair for a child to learn this information from neighbors or peers.

There is certainly no imperative need to disclose to a child the existence of TG behavior when it is confined to a private space, such as, when no one except an intimate partner knows of it and there is little chance of the child happening upon it. If however, keeping this aspect of the parent's life from the child interferes with the parent being open and accessible to the child, then disclosure must be considered. If the child is very young, however, Dr. Anderson recommends a delay until the child is older, more mature, and the nature of the parent-child bond is firm.

Also, sometimes parents have a difficult time assessing whether a child is ready to hear about gender issues. Under these circumstances the parents should consider taking the child to a gender-friendly therapist for a brief psychological evaluation to determine the child's developmental maturity. If a parent cannot find a gender specialist experienced with children, any child psychologist or family-child therapist might be consulted. Some large cities are beginning to have support groups for children with TG parents. See your local TG social support organization for further contacts. Resources for children may also be found on the Internet through TG support forums. Finally, children of parents who are out publicly occasionally are interested in meeting other children with similar issues. This should never be forced, only encouraged if both parties are interested.

Cloe, a MTF transsexual, had a problem with her adolescent children. She had been divorced when her spouse learned of Cloe's gender-identity issues. Their three children were told that their father had simply left and would never return.

Having settled into a stable life as a woman for several years, Cloe now wanted to initiate contact, but was uncertain how to introduce her new identity to the children. Moreover, she was also concerned because the children had been lied to because of her former spouse's prejudices.

Since it appeared gender issues would become an issue for her former spouse, I felt it was advisable to have references available attesting to Cloe's stability. I advised her to seek out a TG-friendly therapist, along with a psychiatrist experienced in court appearances. If the former spouse remained reluctant, I suggested Cloe seek a series of short, resolution-based counseling sessions with her to discuss what was best for the children.

We also addressed the issue of Cloe's separation from her children. Clearly, such a separation was a hardship and loss, both for the children and for Cloe. Under such circumstances, it was likely the three children would experience any number of emotions due to the separation. They might be angry, sad, or feel abandoned and betrayed. Cloe also needed to prepare for the likelihood that the mother had filled the children with negative input about their father.

THE EFFECTS OF TELLING

Many people are concerned that introducing gender issues to a child at an early age might somehow sway or alter the child's maturation or development of gender identity. I do not wish to minimize or discount parents who have these concerns, after all a parent's primary responsibility is to safeguard the well-being and healthy development of their children. However, having worked with over one thousand TG persons, as of yet I have not encountered any evidence that either adults or children can acquire a TG identity as a result of regular contact with a person who crossdresses or has a TG identity. Unless a child is predisposed toward crossdressing or having a TG identity, the fact that another family member does should not greatly influence or sway a child's development.

In Cloe's case, the children greeted their father's new identity with wariness. Although a court-appointed social worker spent several sessions talking with the children about how adults sometimes grow and change, the children repeatedly stated they wanted their "father" back. I advised Cloe to not feel rejected by her children's initial hesitation since acceptance in situations like this usually takes time. Meanwhile, Cloe received regular visitation rights, which gave her the opportunity to continue to provide the kind of stable, mature and consistent parenting she had always given her children.

PEER ABUSE

One important area where gender issues affect children is on a social level. As mentioned earlier in this article, people of any age can have great difficulty coping socially if they do not understand that differences between people are okay. This is particularly so with school age children, who by their nature are seeking approval from peers. These young persons greatly rely upon the messages mirrored back about their presentation, background, family, social worth and independence. If a parent is openly known to crossdress or have a TG identity the child may suffer unscrupulous harassment. This possibility needs to be discussed with the child at the time of disclosure, and a plan established to address any criticism or harassment the child encounters.

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Parents need to recognize that they, not the children, are responsible for ensuring that these situations are dealt with in an appropriate manner. Until a child becomes old enough to speak for him- or herself, the parent may need to engage with teachers and other parents to ensure their child is not unfairly victimized. However, as a child's communication skills develop, he or she should be taught that throughout life a person is required to stand up against bullies who cannot tolerate differences in others. Finally, as the child builds self reliance skills, he or she should be taught how to state that he or she is not accountable for a parent's predisposition or choices. Children of all ages need to be reminded that this is the parent's issue, and they should be encouraged to talk about how this affects each of them.

PUTTING ON A POSITIVE FACE

During disclosure to children, it is important to recognize that presenting new information about crossdressing or gender issues is likely to affect the children's perception of the parent. In other words, once again the subject of stereotypes arises. Stereotypes are those social dynamics we construct and adopt so that we feel connected to and understand the world around us. Children generally accept a parent's behavior and identity without a great deal of question during childhood. However, as the child matures, he or she comes to recognize there are differences between parents. In doing so the child then begins embracing stereotypes of what are socially accepted roles for mothers and fathers. The parent who crossdresses or has a TG identity challenges these stereotypes.

Unless a child grows up with a family member or close family friend who crossdresses or has a TG identity, the child in all likelihood is not going to be aware that this diversification is a healthy, potential gender identity or behavior. After all, much of society is misinformed about gender issues, and is unaware that crossdressing or having a TG identity is not pathological, mentally disordered or medically diseased. As a child matures and asks more questions about the parent's behavior or identity, it may be useful to gradually introduce the child to various types of diversity such as other races, creeds, cultures, gender or sexual orientation. This will help the child learn that much diversity exists within the world, and his or her own needs and identity are as legitimate as any one else's. Once the child begins to understand how diverse our world really is, in all likelihood gender issues will not appear as alien.

REAFFIRMING LOVE

Whether a parent is dealing with gender issues or not, a relationship between parent and child can become alienated if the child does not feel that he or she is loved. The best way to make sure the child knows this is to remind him or her regularly, and do everything possible to ensure his or her security is uninterrupted. During disclosure these themes should be discussed, and then briefly reintroduced so that the message is heard. If a parent regularly crossdresses, or devotes substantial time to transition, significant time should be devoted to supporting the child's interests as well. If this is not done the child may come to believe the parent thinks only about him or herself. The crossdressing or transition then becomes the issue which undermines the parent-child relationship.

Joe, a heterosexual CD and father, had come out and begun crossdressing regularly on weekends to attend local transgender socials. Before he came out, Joe and his 18-year-old son had been close, but now his son habitually moved away whenever his father attempted to give him a hug. Joe missed the closeness he and his son once shared, and wanted to rekindle the relationship.

Typically, when the hugging stops, the talking also stops. I suggested Joe be patient, as it would be ill-advised for him to ask for a hug while crossdressed until his son became more accepting. I also said that asking his son direct, non-threatening questions about his feelings might help resolve the situation. However, if the son seemed resistant to discussion, I advised Joe to keep reminding his son that he was loved, and ask if a hug would be possible. Eventually, I said patience and communication would pay-off.

WHEN NOT TO DISCLOSE

It is rarely beneficial to discuss gender issues when either the child or parent is in crisis. This is particularly so when the parent is in the process of coming to terms with his or her gender issues, and has not yet established realistic transition goals or discussed with the other parent how gender issues are to be resolved within the family home. If a TG parent regularly crossdresses or lives in role, the child in all likelihood will need to be informed. However, as Dr. Anderson mentioned earlier in this article, in some circumstances, disclosing gender issues to one's children may be an option but not a necessity. This is so if a parent intends to crossdress solely during erotic times or in a private manner which should not affect other family members. If the child later discovers that the parent crossdresses, and asks about it, he or she can be told that this is the parent's personal matter and that the child wasn't informed because it didn't affect him or her. When parents are directly asked about gender issues, children should not be lied to as this undermines trust within their relationship.

Introduction of crossdressing and gender issues into the family has often been the catalyst for parents separating or divorcing. Simply put, in many circumstances it is difficult to maintain a marriage commitment which does not fulfill both adult parties' needs. However, if we operate under the assumption that children are a product of two people's love, regardless of gender identity,

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parental responsibility does not end because a parent's life journey and needs have changed. Parents should recognize that although circumstances may change, nothing prevents two adults from remaining friends and collaborating in their child's welfare. Couples can do this by getting back in touch with the basic friendship that initiated and maintained the relationship.

If change is forthcoming, children of all ages need to see how loving adults handle issues affecting others. They do so by not allowing circumstances to destroy relationships. Whether a couple intends to remain together or not, both parents are responsible for presenting gender issues in a neutral fashion so that these do not become divisive instruments pitting the child against one or even both parents. Failure to present such issues in a neutral fashion can disrupt the child's ability to process and move beyond feelings of betrayal, loss, anger or shame experienced as a consequence of these changes.

LONG TERM REACTIONS

The short and long-term reactions of children to a parent's gender issues vary widely for both young and adult children. In some circumstances children grudgingly go along with changes. Others are readily supportive. Some children simply don't care, as long as it doesn't affect them. Those children with objections should be provided an opportunity to discuss their feelings. However, the parent should not allow any child or adult to badger, bully or attack theTG person's special needs or gender identity.

People often attack others through passive-aggressive behavior, and children are no exception. Passive-aggressive behavior takes place when people state they support others' needs, and then deliberately and continuously introduce opposition. They do so in an effort to make someone feel bad or compromised. This type of behavior should be directly addressed with a statement that this type of behavior is hurtful, destructive to relationships, and will not be accepted.

Fortunately, most children are relatively accepting of a parent's crossdressing or gender transition. This is especially so for those who have grasped the concept of self-parenting. Self-parenting means to be one's own parent after one's biological parents are no longer active, day-to-day protectors and participants. Generally, young adults and emotionally mature adults have grasped these concepts. When they do so they also begin to understand that parents have the right to follow a path separate from their children. Those parents who must transition during a child's formative years are strongly encouraged to follow through with their parenting responsibilities. This includes ensuring that adequate gender role model representation is available to the child, so that the child understands that parenting and even mentoring may come from persons of different genders. Mentors or role models, are those individuals people look up to during life's transitions.

As with any important relationship, children should be reminded that their acceptance is valued. However, in circumstances where a child does not accept the parent's behavior, give the situation time. There is nothing wrong with a child calling a TG woman "Father" or "Daddy," until the young person understands that this label does not match the parent's presentation. Children can be encouraged to use appearance-appropriate labels and pronouns once they can comprehend the distinction.

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CLICK. Hello? Fiction?

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CLICK. "Hello."
"Yes. Hello, I'm a transsexual woman and I—"
CLICK.
"Hello? Hello?"

"Yes. Hello, I'm interested in changing the sex on my driver's—"
CLICK.
"Hello? Hello?"

"Yes. Hi. I'm just your normal female woman and I notice they've made a mistake on my driver's license, ha-ha, and put me down, ha-ha, wait till you get this, as a man. Can you tell me how I can get this changed? What?...I'll have to bring my birth certificate down with my correct sex on it so you can verify it? Okay."
CLICK.

"Hello? County Records Office? I'm a transsexual and I—"
CLICK.
"Hello? Hello?"

"Yes? County Records Office? I'm trying to get my driver's license corrected. You see, it lists me as a man and they told me that to get it changed I have to get a copy of my birth certificate and—"
CLICK.
"Hello? Hello?"

"County Records? Yes. I'm just your average woman here in the county, and yesterday, just looking through some old papers, I noticed a couple errors on my birth certificate and I was just kind of wondering, you know, woman-to-woman here, how I could get them corrected...uh-huh...submit a doctor's statement contemporaneous with my birth from the attending physician or else a notarized statement from my current personal physician and a second notarized statement from a physician here in the county of origin. Thank you."
CLICK.

"Yes. Doctor's office? I'd like to speak with—"
"Please hold, Sir."
CLACK.
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CLICK.

"Hello, doctor's office? Yes, I just called. Please don't put me on—"
"Can you hold please, Sir?"
CLACK...
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CLICK.

"Yes. I've been put on hold twice. Can I please talk to Dr. Sprocket?"
"I'm connecting you now, Sir."
"Doctor Sprocket? This is Riki Anne Wilchins. Right. I know you've only seen me a couple of times, but now that I've started hormones and everything I'm having trouble finding work as a woman and I need to change—"
CLONCK.
"Hello? Hello?"

"Yes. Doctor? Yes, well we were cut off. As I was saying, I'm trying to change my driver's license so I can get a job but they want my birth certificate and that's still male so I have to get that changed and to do that I'll need a statement from you that—No, I can't take time off from work to come in to see you... Well, first I can't because I have no job to take time from and second because I can't afford another $150 visit—No, I'm not trying to be difficult... Yes, I know surgeons are very busy and they save lives and all but...look, if you could please just see your way clear to—"
CLICK.
"Hello? Hello?"

"Doctor? Doctor Sprocket? Yes. I'm sorry I got angry, Doctor. Ok, is there any way you could sign a statement that I'm female so I can get my paperwork done and get a job?.... I know you can't be certain yet, but how many men want to take estrogen and grow bosoms?... Oh, really? I had no idea... Yes, I know I still sleep with women and that's not very normal for a transsexual... No, I haven't looked very feminine when I've come for my appointments. Have you ever tried walking around the city in a push-up bra, pantyhose, three-inch heels, and—Oh, really? I had no idea. Then you know what I—No, I wasn't aware you wear women's panties under your smock when you operate, but I can certainly sympathize with—What? You want me to see what?... Who?... Is there any way we could avoid this?... Okay. Okay, yes. I'm sure you're looking out for my interests. Good-bye."
CLICK.

"Hello? Hello? Dr. Farvis? Dr. Francis Farvis? Yes. This is Riki Anne Wilchins. Yes. That's right... from Dr. Sprocket. Yes, Thursday is fine. Afternoon is fine. How much? You said how much?? Is that absolutely necessary?... Okay, okay. Yes, I want to get my paperwork done... Yes, I'll be there at four o'clock sharp... No, believe me, Doctor, it won't be any trouble getting off work... No, I haven't been in therapy before... Yes, I'll try to come properly dressed. Speaking of which, did you know that Dr. Sprocket—No, never mind, just thinking out loud... Yes, I know thinking out loud could be a sign of—Well, of course I sound a little agitated and defensive, Doctor. Now let me ask you a question: Do you have any idea at all how frustrating it can be going through all this stuff and getting a sex-change operation and—Oh really? I had no idea. Yes...yes...okay, see you Thursday. Good-bye, Doctor."
CLICK.

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A Consumer Guide to the Laser

The new millennium in hair and beard removal.

Illustration: Gina

Laser treatments for removing unwanted hair are exploding globally. Transgender individuals have become fascinated with the promises of instant, permanent hair removal made by those offering these treatments commercially. But what is the truth? Below is a report on the current state of development of laser hair removal.

The laser is simply a machine that emits light. To create this special light, the machine directs energy in the form of electricity or a flashlamp to produce a narrow beam of intense light. The type of lasers used to destroy hair shines light from the surface of the skin down along the hair follicle to the root. The light substitutes for the needle that electrolysis uses. The laser is not pain-free; when laser light touches your skin, you will feel heat similar to the thermolysis method of electrolysis.

However, it is very hard to hit the hair root (dermal papilla) repeatedly and accurately, since the laser beam is only one- to several-thousandths of an inch in diameter. In many cases, the laser destroys significant amounts of tissue around the follicle and only occasionally hits the root. Debris such as blackheads, whiteheads and oil can keep the laser light from reaching the root. Similarly, a curved or distorted follicle may obstruct the laser light. In these cases, the laser will not hit the hair root but will singe the hair at the surface, or glance off the side of the follicle wall. When any of the above happen, some minor scarring will occur.

However, the greatest risk with lasers is permanent eye damage, which increases with the higher-class lasers. Max Lager of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says that laser hair removal is Class IV (the highest class). Severe skin burns can also be caused by laser light, and protective eyewear is mandatory around all lasers in operation.

A treatment at the laser office is usually a 5-stage process:

Physician or assistant cleanses the area to be treated.

Most lasers require that the area be shaved or waxed.

Some lasers require that the area be coated with a gel, cream or carbon-based lotion.

Physician or laser-trained technician operates the laser, which scans the skin. In a few seconds' time, laser energy passes through the skin and reaches the pigment in the hair follicle. This retards hair growth within the follicle.

After-care lotion is applied for healing.

If you decide to have laser hair removal, experts recommend that you stop plucking, waxing and/or bleaching one month before treatment, unless your licensed practitioner advises differently.

REGULATION OF LASERS

Lasers for hair removal have emerged within the past 10 years. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation of lasers is addressed in the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act, which regulates all lasers, as well as televisions, computer monitors, microwave ovens, X-rays and ultrasound devices; and the Safe Medical Device Act, which applies to all diagnostic and therapeutic medical devices, requiring preclearance and approval.

States regulate who can use dermatological and epilator-type lasers. Fourteen states consider the use of a laser as the practice of medicine, says Teresa E. Petricca, CPE. "Licensed practitioners," usually a physician or laser technician, may perform the kind of laser applications used on skin and hair.

If you're considering laser hair removal, check with your state medical board to determine who qualifies as a licensed practitioner. Ask the physician or laser technician what precautions will be taken during your appointment. Pregnant women should avoid laser hair removal on areas of the face (particularly the eyebrows), breasts and abdomen until research proves that laser is safe, according to a Society of Clinical and Medical Electrologists position paper.

KINDS OF LASERS USED

In the spring of 1995, four manufacturers received FDA marketing clearance for laser hair removal: Thermolase (SoftLight), Laser Industries Sharplan (EpiTouch, SilkLaser), Spectrum/Palomar Medical Technologies (EpiLaser) and MEHL/Biophile (Chromos 694). The Cynosure laser, which was only approved by the FDA in the summer of 1997, has been used in Europe and Canada for two years. Also receiving recent FDA approval is a polychromatic light source advertised as a laser by ESC Medical Systems (EpiLight). This machine generates a broad beam of filtered light with a flashlamp. These firms have invested a lot of money in laser hair removal so that they may cut into the $1 billion electrolysis market.

Richard Sharpe, M.D., a Harvard-trained dermatologist, explains that lasers, flashlamp systems (high intensity light sources with filters), laser or non-laser light sources, and topical photosensitizers are all under development for hair removal. These technologies may be made available soon. Laser is still an experimental modality that has not yet been perfected.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the consumer to distinguish, let alone choose, between all the different procedures available. No two lasers are exactly alike; each laser brand works somewhat differently from the others. Probably the best systems currently available use ruby lasers, which emit a beam of solid red light. These systems seem to have the best results on light-skinned individuals with dark hair. In general, dark hair is easier for the laser to pick up. Lasers have had less success with dark skin and lighter blond, gray or red hair. However, even in this population the results vary widely.

IS IT PERMANENT?

Everybody is looking for that "miracle" laser to permanently remove all unwanted hair. Many people will put off getting electrolysis to wait for the laser to be perfected. Others have given up on electrolysis for reasons such as discomfort or inconvenience. While laser skin treatments are demonstrating success so far, no single laser or high intensity light system is yet available that guarantees permanent hair removal.

You should notice immediate benefits from laser hair removal. The laser may cause hair to grow back slower and thinner. If you are treating light hair, it should stay off for 3-6 months, which is longer than waxing. Permanent removal via laser of coarse hair, such as male facial hair, has not yet been proven. Coarse hairs may grow back even sooner than light hairs. However, full healing may take up to one year.

The FDA has not granted the laser manufacturers permission to use the words or phrases "permanent hair removal," "permanent," "painless," or "long-lasting" in their advertisements. For instance, Thermolase's Spa Thira Internet home page states: "SoftLight offers a whole new hair removal regimen which, with ongoing treatment, frees you from the ordeal of daily and weekly shaving, tweezing or waxing. Hair is natural and beneficial to your body, and our goal is not to kill the follicle, but to reduce the frequency of hair growth." The company does not offer treatments for male facial hair, citing strong hormone levels. At this point, electrolysis is still the only reliable and proven way to remove unwanted hair forever.

There is no research data claiming that laser hair removal will make the standard electrolysis modalities obsolete. Research now underway is attempting to demonstrate the effectiveness of lasers: An unreleased Texas study is claiming a 70% kill ratio (percentage of disabled hair follicles to total follicles treated) after one laser treatment, compared to the 30-35% kill ratio of an electrologist working with untreated hair.

A four-year study at Massachusetts General Hospital by R. Rox Anderson, M.D., of 60 people who have been treated with the Palomar ruby laser hair removal system is into its third year. According to preliminary findings, about 20 percent report permanent hair removal after a single treatment. The remainder's hair removal lasts 2 to 3 months.

Over the next several years, results of other clinical studies currently being performed at 10 experienced laser facilities in the United States and Canada will help determine the optimum targets for laser systems in removing unwanted or excess hairs; the effect of repeated laser treatments on hair, skin and overall health; the optimum intervals at which to perform follow-up treatments and the method(s) which can provide truly permanent results. Dr. Sharpe says that at this time, the only honest statement is that some of these systems, in certain individuals, might be useful for inducing long-term suppression of hair growth.

> "Laser is good for people who can afford the price and want hair gone fast, but who are realistic about regrowth."

HOW TO PREPARE

Gloria Eggert, CPE, editor of Electrology World, says that you should be aware of a few things before having the laser procedure done:

Check the consent forms that the office gives you. These may restrict liabilities associated with the laser treatment.

Don't have great expectations. The laser may remove some hairs permanently, but it is not a miracle worker.

Be careful. Laser hair removal has not been proven as permanent.

Research lasers as much as possible. You don't want to rush into a procedure as expensive as laser without finding out for yourself what it does.

DOES IT HURT?

Although some laser customers report that the laser is less painful than electrolysis, it is not completely pain-free. You may feel a shocking sensation, like static electricity. If your skin reacts adversely, however, you could experience even more discomfort. The lasers currently on the market vary in the amount of trauma to the skin. Some patients who have had ruby laser treatment report that their skin becomes red and swollen, and, like a sunburn, turns brown days to a week after the treatment before returning to normal.

HERE TO STAY

There is no doubt that laser hair removal is here to stay, and has definite advantages and disadvantages compared to other methods, such as electrolysis. It is likely that laser epilation will continue to evolve as a viable method of temporary and possibly permanent hair removal. Laser is good for people who can afford the price and want hair gone fast, but who are realistic about regrowth. Inevitably, one or more manufacturers will develop the laser to the point where it can permanently remove hair.

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The Transgender Art of Luna Hanneman

DreamScapes

Photos and art: Courtesy Luna Hanneman

TG artist Luna Hanneman hails from Brazil, but has lived in Southern California for the past several years. A former actress and model, Luna has increasingly sought expression through a series of paintings she calls "Dreamscapes." Luna Hanneman's Dreamscapes have already been featured in shows in the Los Angeles area, where they garnered much favorable comment.

Luna prefers to term her work "Dreamscapes" rather than "Landscapes" because the scenes she paints "are not out of plain air or drawn from real nature." Instead of going outdoors to paint actual landscapes, Luna takes scenes from her dreams and inner fantasies. "So, in that sense, they're nature in the sense that they're trees and plants and hills and trees and rivers, but they're not from real nature per se. That's why I call them dreamscapes."

Her involvement with art began at an early age. "I've been drawing with graphite and colored pencils since I was very little," Luna says. Later, she supplemented her natural artistic abilities with a degree in industrial design from Rio de Janeiro's Universidad de Partica. However, on graduation, her remarkable beauty resulted in offers to appear in local plays and television. It was only years afterward, in 1996, that Luna took up painting again. "I felt like I needed a different way of expressing

myself," she says. "So I bought some art materials and I thought I'd experiment with oil paint."

Luna became aware of her transsexual identity in third grade. She complained to her parents that the other kids at school were harassing her because she was different. "I was very feminine as a child, and they were basically calling me a faggot. I knew I was different. But, I felt I wasn't really a faggot. I saw myself as a transgender person. I knew I should be a woman. I had therapy for about six years. When I was nineteen and in college, I finally decided that I would go through with surgery. For me, it was the only way to find happiness and peace with myself."

The product of a large family, Luna has two older brothers and a younger sister. The entire family is "quite conservative." They didn't understand her transsexuality at first. "My parents were disappointed because they were expecting me to be like my two brothers. But, deep inside, though, they knew that I was different. Still, they weren't the kind of people who would throw me out." Instead, Luna's parents were supportive and helped her find an SRS surgeon, but only after under-

going therapy themselves to try and understand their TG daughter.

Around the time she began to transition toward SRS, Luna appeared in three plays. It was an experience that stirred Luna deeply. She discovered that she truly enjoyed acting. She worked with a director of Brazilian soap operas. The experience led her to the concept of using her entire body as an instrument, no matter what art form she is working in.

Luna's work as an actress led to offers from Brazilian modeling agencies. When, Luna arrived in the United States post-surgery, it seemed like a natural career to follow.

She sought out modeling agents in Los Angeles, showing around photographs of herself from some of her previous theatrical and modeling jobs. With her striking, exotic good-looks, the agencies eagerly snapped her up. An early assignment sent Luna on a shoot to Spain. Back in the US, she modeled for the Living Color Art Wear Catalog, and other clothing companies. She also performed in fashion shows at regional department stores and malls. "Everybody in the industry was giving me a lot of support," she says, and more assignments were scheduled for the future.

The picture became considerably less rosy, Luna reports ruefully, when word got out that she was a transsexual woman, rather than a genetic one. "The moment they heard I was transgender, the shoots dried up, future assignments failed to materialize. I find it very interesting that the modeling industry wanted me until they found out I was transgendered. Then they didn't want me. I couldn't get anywhere in the local industry. I found that quite ironic and hypocritical because I was, and still am, the same person. Maybe that was a mistake to tell them. I don't know."

Dejected by her experiences as a model, Luna sought solace in painting, where she achieved greater success. "I had always drawn, so I decided to use my creative forces in another way. I feel painting provides a more spiritual contact with my existence, and I want to share that with people. I think it's more productive. It's deep. When I'm painting or drawing, I have all these tools that I use, and I use my body as a tool, too."

Asked if she felt her transsexuality influenced her painting in any way, Luna replied, "There's a lot of transsexuality in my painting. In my Dreamscapes, I have very phallic male images, as well as female images and symbols." She thinks her painting has helped give her a better handle on both her female and her male side. "I try not to be so much concerned with being a female all the time as with being a human being. I can't deny the twenty-three years of my life as a person with male anatomy. I have finally embraced my whole life, even living as a boy."

Despite her rejection as a model, Luna dreams of a future in film.. "I would love to be in films, to be honest with you." However, she is realistic enough to admit that it is "very difficult" to break into acting in the Los Angeles/ Hollywood area. "The acting community is very tight-knit, and I'm kind of scared to face up to that hurdle." Luna says the one thing holding her back is the disappointment she underwent when she lost her modeling assignments. "I'm scared of going through the same experiences and maybe that's why I haven't done anything."

Meanwhile, she continues to paint and believes she will always continue to paint. "I want to create, as I feel it's important for me to do so. And maybe do sculpture and other things, continue to exercise my creativity somehow. When I'm not painting, try to do something—anything that will make me feel creative. That's important for me."

Luna says there is a part of herself that wants to just stay home and be a traditional housewife and homemaker. "I feel I make an important contribution being a housewife. There's a lot behind it: maintaining a healthy household, for example. If you're in a relationship with anybody, be it two men, two women, or whatever, they should balance. What I see in a lot of couples, gay or not, is that when both of them work outside of the household, there's so much chaos and imbalance in the household."

"I want to create, as I feel it's important for me to do so."

However, this side of Luna has created unexpected emotional conflicts for her. She claims that "the housewife part of myself brings a lot of guilt because we live in a society where females of any kind, TGs or not, are supposed to be out there working and doing something important, contributing to society." She muses that; perhaps, "I'm too traditional."

She believes that, for the most part, people who transition after having established themselves professionally are more successful professionally afterward. "People like me who go through the changes so early—I had my surgery when I was twenty-three-years-old—find it's a lot more difficult to become professionally successful later in life; to have a profession and to be recognized for your potential and your talent. "

Holding a conversation with Luna Hanneman is easy. She's not only articulate, charming, thoughtful and well-spoken, she also speaks six languages—English, Italian, French, Spanish, Swedish, and German—making her a one-woman transgender UN.

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Wigstock 97

Everyone's seen --or heard of-- the movie, now here's Transgender's exclusive behind-the-scenes peek at the event!

R. Scott Gerdes

It's quirky. It's kinky. It's on the edge. It's the only thing of its kind on such a grand scale. For some, it's almost a religious pilgrimage, with acolytes converging on the East Coast from all over the country. It's drag. Its performance. It's hundreds of glammed out Drag Queens hip-swinging and lip-synching before thousands of hyped-up and "wigged-out" on-lookers. Its Wigstock—and its back after a year's hiatus, more brazen and colorful than ever before.

Now in it's 12th year, this raucous and colorful outdoor festival, held in the New York City area and the subject of national media coverage, as well as a major motion picture, showcases America's premier Drag Queens. Over the last decade, Wigstock has seen attendance grow from 500 wig-wearers to capacity crunching five-digit numbers in the 30-40,000 range. It's the strength in numbers and the feeling of being in a safe environment that liberates all who come to watch and all who come to perform. While attendees don't have to wear wigs (it's not mandatory), 85% do don hairpieces, many outrageous and comical, according to Wigstock founder and emcee, "Lady Bunny," from her NYC Thompson Square apartment.

After all, wigs is what Wigstock is all about. "We feel that wig wearing is an all-American tradition," Lady Bunny says. "The founding fathers of our Country wore wigs. We just have to keep on pushin'."

Wigstock got its start in 1984 when Lady Bunny, a former roommate and co-worker of Ru Paul, was working at the Pyramid Club in the trendy East Village. It was there that she got her start as an "on-the-bar" go-go dancer. "The Pyramid always had a great mixture of the straight and gay artists, you know the young, hip crowd," she described. "They had a lot of bands and a lot of drag performances. The managers of the club were those drag queens. We thought, it's not hard to get a permit, why don't we put on a really good show to showcase all the talent that was at the Pyramid Club."

Thus, Wigstock was born.

Over the years, Wigstock has gathered such big name artists as De-Lite and Crystal Waters and, of course, Ru Paul. Wigstock 1997 featured such DQ luminaries as comedian Barbara Patterson, who has performed since nearly the beginning of Wigstock's inception, delighted the audience a spoof of River Dance. Other highlights included Candis Cayne, one of the "most gorgeous queens in town," lip-synching a 1940s production number alongside 12 brawny male dancers dressed in sailor suits.

As for Lady Bunny, "This year I sang the theme from Wonder Woman while twirling a lasso and dodging a few bullets. There were some Spanish queens visiting from Miami. So I did a Charo number in their honor, and told some very dirty jokes!"

Photography: Debranne Gingari

Up until 7 years ago, Lady Bunny had her work cut out for her, filing for city permits, making liquor arrangements, shmoozing potential sponsors, selecting talent and selecting a location. These days, things are a bit easier, with the assistance of friends and supporters like artist Scott Lisshutz, and David O'Connell, a professional music coordinator. Together this dauntless team has "revolutionized"

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Wigstock, Bunny reports. "They're a painter and a sound magician, and I'm a drag queen." The result has been a world-class event filled with glamour, glitz and entertainment.

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MICHELLE WEST
(MA-M1486-K0842-83)
At 38, my lifelong delight in the expression of my femme self continues unabated. But each passing year deepens my awareness that the true blessings of the transgendered are inner: empathy, compassion, tolerance, spirit, vision and love.

JULIE WINSLOW
(MA-M1587-K0217-82)
MWM TG, 40. Member of INNvestments. Supportive wife to share wear with. Do not go out crossdressed except to meetings and such. Natural farmer, artist, activist.

DIANA J.
(MA-M1999-K140-83)
Have taken hormones for 20 years, did electrolysis myself, TS in feelings. I have bought merchandise for business as a woman. I love my femininity and always look forward to the next day as a lady.

JOYCE M.
(MA-M6058-K13198-82)
33, 5'10", post-op, thin, youthful and attractive. Long, brown hair, large brown eyes and fair skin. College educated, Catholic and open to other people's religious viewpoints. Variety of

interests. Want to meet nice non-TV/TS, somewhat old-fashioned gentleman. Interested in being a full-time housewife.

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(MA-P-M1648-K0121-82)
MWM, hetero TV, 5'10", 205. Love dressing completely, going out in public & blending into the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TG friends who are sincere & have the same interests.

BONNIE F.
(MA-P-M2020-K2429-83)
WMTV, late 40s, 6', 165. Seeking new friends, TVs, women and sincere caring relationships with all genders. Music lover (blues/jazz), nonsmoker, explorer of TG spirituality, psychology of TV fantasies, feel of satin, swish of nylons against full petticoats, sensuality of slim skirts/lingerie.

FERN C.
(MA-P-M3596-K7623-86)
SbiTS, 6'1", 220, on hormones, seeking help in makeup. Also lookinfg for BFm, objective: Marriage.

BOBBIE SOKOLOWSKI
(MA-P-M3869-K426-82)
I'm Bobbie, attractive TV, easy going, open, mature, warm, lonely, seeking a deep relationship with a very attractive, tall, fit non-or very light smoker/drinker bi-W female or TV/TS with same qualities. Let's meet together with our love of femininity. Berkshire County area. Photo/phone.

CAROLYNNE K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-83)
TCNE, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, Narcissist, transcendentalist; cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, homemaking, dressing & engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, & secure social interaction. Single, await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender.

PAULA B.
(W-MA-P-M5571-K1985-85)
Member of Sunshine Club. Would like to meet others in the life-style to share the great gift of transgenderism. Please write. Love to go out to eat and shop, the club scene, but no drinking or drugs. High on life.

MARYJANE B.
(MA-P-M5928-K8080-82)
SWM, 40, CD with TS tendencies. Passable but still chicken sometimes. Been going out for two years. Answer all letters; your photo gets mine. Want to meet TV/TSs and supportive GGs north of Boston. See you at Jacque's on Saturdays.

JOANNA O.
(MA-P-M5974-K8300-83)
SWM, Bi-TV, 30, 6'2", slim, closeted. Interested in writing, meeting other TVs to share all aspects of femininity. Have huge wardrobe. Will answer all who write.

CHRISTINE FROST
(MA-P-M6418-K14732-83)
Bi-CD, 5'9", 155. Like being a blonde, short dresses, sexy lingerie, and high heels. Would like to correspond and possibly meet others with similar interests. All letters welcome. Photo please.

RHODE ISLAND

VANESSA MURRAY
(RI-M4696-K10385-78)
48-year-old M CD in a wonderful relationship with enthusiastic lady. Mgr. of book sales for IFGE. Stop in to America's first transgender bookstore so we can meet and chat. My spouse and I send you peace and love.

ALISON LAING
(RI-P-M1242-K0733-99)
Co-Founder, past National Director of Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Mbr of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. Currently Executive Directr, IFGE. Interested in Native American traditions & community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theatre & travel.

ALISON YOUNG
(RI-P-M4650-K10273-82)
Member TCNE. Just remember, life could be worse. Shauna, where are you?

PATRICIA LYNN ROSS
(RI-P-M5499-K3302-88)
Pre-op M to FTS. Full time female. Romantic optimist. Will correspond with pre-transition sisters, offer perspective and support. Member/Secretary MORF? RI's TG support group. Support Youth Pride RI.

KENDRA G.
(RI-P-M6165-K13549-84)
Bi-CD, 37, 5'9", 145, divorced (5 yrs) single, strong TS feelings at times. I love the classic Vargas girl look. I would like to meet another bi-CD or TS to establish solid friendship evolving into a long term relationship.

ANDREA K.
(RI-M1771-K1934-83)
5'10", 170, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynous. Interested in Sci-Fi, investing, metaphysics, part-time computer buff, dressing up full time as a woman. I want to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup and being known and treated as a woman.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

A. M. GREENE
(NH-M0731-K0277-99)
Post-op, new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing & all things feminine. Editor of the TV-TS Confidential Magazine. We need cover girls.

DANIELLE M.
(NH-P-M3161-K5983-82)
S, M-F pre-opTS on hormones. 5'6", slender, feminine figure & legs at 124#. Natural red hair with blue eyes. Living and working as a woman, 2/94. Healthy mentally & physically. Happy, but need someone special.

SHERI SERENA P.
(NH-M5661-K9902-82)
45, hetero. I'm still in the closet even though I have been wearing women's clothes since age twelve. I put on my first slip, bra & nylons then, & always loved shiny, wet-look type clothes. Would like to correspond with someone.

LISA MICHELLE M.
(NH-P-M6167-K13550-84)
SGM, 30s, TS tendencies. A female inside since birth. Enjoy theater, nature, music, shopping, history, and art. Would welcome friendships with others in S NH and E MA areas. Also looking for Mr. Right. Will answer all.

HOLLY A.
(NH-M6392-K14517-82)
Explore your feminine side in a safe, discreet atmosphere with an understanding woman. You don't have to dress alone. Beginners always welcome and encouraged.

MAINE

JEAN VERMETTE
(ME-3729-k0164-84)
Member Transsupport, IFGE, AEGIS, ICTLEP FTM HBIGDA ISNA. Pre-op TS, 43, 5'8", 135, on speakers bureau, very out. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in Transcendental Meditation, theater, creative writing, nature day trips, fine arts, interior design, solar technologies, socializing, making friends, corresponding.

VERMONT

JOAN MARIE L.
(VT-M0528-K0340-87)
SWM, hetero CD, 40, 6', full-figured. Love to shop for music. Like cooking, Sci-Fi fantasy, & travel. Real passion for lingerie, esp. bras, panties, teddies, slips, girdles, hosiery & heels. Wish to correspond with TGs.

CLARISSA LYNN MICHAELS
(VT-M4760-P10702-82)
MWM. 51! My wife of 25+ years is genuinely supportive and comfortable with all. I've been dressing with varied intensity since early teens. Not very passable, but enjoy getting and being dressed. Looking for sisters to share and visit with. Confidentiality assured. Will answer all.

CONNECTICUT

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-83)
Married, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. Like to develop friendships in the TG community, & welcome correspondence.

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-84)
SWM, quiet, understanding. Live alone. Member ConnView, COS, Transgender and Tapestry. Enjoy being en femme, meeting TVs, men, females for parties, going out. Lifetime CD. Very comfortable with myself. Would appreciate photo which I will return with first letter.

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-86)
Mbr Tiffany Club, COS. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair. Quiet & sincere. Enjoy cross-country skiing, music, theater, & travel. Looking for honest, caring, femme CDs for correspondence or get-togethers.

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-82)
Mbr COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, late 40s. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. Been dressing fully since early 20s. Attended First Event '95 & '96. Look forward to future gatherings and helping others.

LAURA RIDDLE
(CT-M3587-K7565-84)
Still too tall and too big. CT shoreline. DWM TV (maybe TG) heading back into dressing with new approach, new wardrobe, and new name, wants to make new friends who enjoy fiction and know reality!

BOB P.
(CT-M6099-K0855-83)
Admirer who likes feminine, sensual TV/TSs. Am slender, athletic, attractive, Ivy-educated and fun. Live alone in quiet residence in lower Fairfield County. Your note will get my phone. Let's chat and meet.

DONNA RUSSO
(CT-P-M6006-K7591-83)
SW TV 39, 5'9", 190, brown eyed, blond, Italian. Like fishing, motorcycle riding, romantic times. Looking for single, blue collar, Spanish, Haitian, Puerto Rican or W male, 5'8" or taller, 30-42. Must be serious. Photo please

NEW JERSEY

SUZIE M.
(NJ-M0686-K0419-83)
MWM, early 50s, bi-CD, 6'1", 180. Dressing since childhood. Love wearing lingerie, heels, hose & short skirts. SO not supportive. Would like to correspond & meet with other TV/TS/CDs. Photo please. Will reply to all.

JANE T.
(NJ-M3487-K7209-82)
55-year-old white, hetero, rubber-loving TV. Interested in corresponding with others of all interests. The closet filled with her rubber wardrobe is not a bad place, as long as you like yourself. Your picture gets mine. Will answer all.

BABS C.
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-85)
Member MOTG, Renaissance, Imperial Queens, Secretary of GNYGA. Married with loving supportive wife. Enjoy fine art, music, standardbred horses, tennis & writing. Travel to NYC, New Hope, Poconos, Aycee & Florida en femme. Meet TG couples for dinner, shopping & serious talk.

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-84)
MWM, hetero, 6'1", 200, blue eyes. SO has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which hurts. Cross-dressed since age five with mom's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo nice.

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-82)
Mbr Renaissance. TCNE First Event '93, 4, 5, 6. Attend other events each year. Attractive & feminine when dressed. Open-minded. Wish to meet TGs for friendship & socializing. Photo appreciated.

ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-M3637-K7810-84)
Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of closets, & to help the TGs legally & socially. Want to network with those with similar goals.

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-85)
Mbr of Renaissance. Attend many events. 5'9", 155 lb., very smooth, SWM TV, live alone, mature professional. Only hobby is being feminine. Love to entertain & share girl things. Love going out to have fun. I correspond lots & answer all sooner or later. Pictures help.

LARRY K.
(NY-M5036-K4726-84)
Feminine TV/TS sought by straight, white, professional gentleman, 40! Nice, normal guy in western NY seeking ladylike friend from pages of Transgender for fun, maybe romantic relationship. Very supportive. Any distance, age. Photos exchanged.

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-P-M4719-K10436-86)
Just recently came out & loving every minute. 5'6", 140. Like photography & music. Want to help sisters with photos. Love being a girl & look forward to meeting other girls like me. Want to hear from you.

JAKE L.
(NJ-P-M4993-K10734-84)
Romantic, educated, professional gentleman, 30s, 6', 180, admirer. Seek caring friendship with TS or feminine TG person 21-45. Understanding & supportive of gender issues. Enjoy shopping, fun times & cozy nights. Travel extensively.

DONNA WALSH
(NJ-M5459-K11222-83)
5'9", 150#, single, sincere, sensitive. Gender aware since childhood. Uncertain of final destination, but sure I am not yet there. Recently returned home after five years in Texas. Well educated, seeking new career opportunities. Enjoy sailing, reading, music, off beat movies and film festivals, travel. Seeking correspondence/friendship with old and new friends.

BRANDY LEE
(NJ-M5491-K10141-84)
My chosen gender is female. Being a woman is the ultimate. I'm 5'11", 155#, with long hair. Seek a M2F TG with long hair between 18 and 35 years old. Let's explore together.

JILL ANGELIQUE JARIS
(NJ-P-M5817-K10072-82)
41-year-old TG. Judge approved my petition for a legal name change on 8/22/97, so now Jill Angelique is my REAL name! Enjoy music from the '60s, especially Beatles. As you can see from my middle name, I am a big Dark Shadows fan.

NEW YORK

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-82)
SWM, 5'10", 185, 54. Interested in outdoors, reading and fishing. Love the total feminine look. Trying to pass. Interested in corresponding and meeting all, especially in southern tier NY, NE PA. Discreet.

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-99)
Mbr Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically & culturally oriented. Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence.

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K555-84)
Mbr Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, & being outdoors. I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it.

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-83)
46-y/o CD, attorney, divorced, but recently (re)married a beautiful and supportive lady who gives Vickie emotional support and fashion assistance. Vickie also enjoys song-writing, plays guitar and bass, loves country music. Member LIFE, former member Chi Delta Mu. Former Editor LIFElines. Other commitments keep me from being as active as I'd like at the present time.

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-86)
I am beautiful for I am me. I am Victoria & I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine & am very proud. Class & dignity are my life & tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . . of mind . . . of spirit . . .

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-84)
Mbr of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. Donahue Show, National Gender Lobby Day '95, TG facilitator LGBT Conference '96 at SUNY Albany, graduate student/writer/LGBT activist. Love music, comedy and my softer side.

ROBYN LATHROP
(NY-P-M2361-K3078-82)
Trying to accept that femininity is an important part of my life. I'd like to hear from people who have successfully blended in as women. Would like to learn about the teenage and childhood experiences of others, too.

JENNIFER B.
(NY-P-M2441-K3429-83)
MWM with supportive wife, member Eulenspiegel Society. Seek meetings and correspondence with TV/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Interested in psychology, metaphysics and fashions. Would love to hear from you.

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-82)
SWM, hetero CD. Enjoy the prissy feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, & party dresses. Still looking for one understanding gender woman in my life.

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-84)
MWM, 5'6", size 10, supportive SO. Enjoy shopping, correspondence, photo exchange. "Joy is where the inner femininity finds expression in the outside world."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-82)
5'13" single businesswoman. TG. 49 and going into holding. Officer Buffalo Belles. Happy to help new comers into our world. Interested in CD/TS gold tournament summer '97. Any other hackers out there?

BRENDA VEE
(LI NY-P-M3089-K5695-84)
Mbr: LIFE. Outreach Director, Fantasia Fair '93-'96. Ms. Helpful, '96. 40s, TG, supportive SO. Striving for personal best. Sensitive to all in the community, and will correspond with sincere, open-minded people. Diversity is our blessing.

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-82)
I'd like to hear from anyone who is interested in participating in a discussion-based support group for CDs in central and western NY. Meetings are centered on the issues of cross-dressing and related topics.

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-87)
TG, 50ish, 5'10", 170, computer teacher. Tri-Ess, Chi Delta MU. Love to dress and shop and have been going in public locally the past three years without incident. Love to correspond with sisters and interested in meeting gals who live in the Westchester, NY area.

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-84)
Single, 51, 5'7", 175, hetero. Interested in finding female friends; men for dating and TS companionship. Currently on hormones. Kind of shy and need support to move on in my TS life. I like mostly everything and want to have fun, but not anything sexual. Will answer all gladly with photo, please.

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-89)
SWF, caring, pretty, funny, honest (30s), marriage/friendship-minded, monogamous, moralistic, romantic, spiritual, understanding. Seek same: hetero SWM, CD, 30s, (NO smoke/drink/drugs/promiscuity) even-tempered, non-abusive, 5 - 6. Love comedy, culture, dining, fifties, fun, music, theater, etc.

K.L.G.
(NY-P-M4353-K3043-84)
SWM, bi, 29, closet CD trying to come out. College educated in music composition. Interests include electronics, computers, & guitar. Fascinated by those living full time. Will answer all correspondence. Please write.

CLAUDIA T.
(NY-P-M4875-K9887-82)
It's not how you look, it's how you feel! And darling, I feel marvelous. That goes for all my

fellow sisters out there. Please write and I'll get back to you!

CHRISSY S.
(NY-P-M5195-K11530-82)
SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 47, engineer. Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion & shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look & the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area.

WENDI R.
(NY-P-M5816-K0336-86)
45, 5'8", hetero CD 150, 36-29-38. Closet CD, love to come out, but wife will not understand. Love everything feminine. CD since 12 years old. Love to pass, but I don't think I can. Shy, discreet.

CHRISSIE YORK
(NY-P-M5212-K11564-82)
Member CD Network. WM CD, 5'5", 160. Interested in dressing clubs. Red hair. Can pass. Looking for an understanding female & other TG. I will write back. Lifetime CD.

TERI SHANNON
(NY-P-M5339-K5768-82)
Single, sane lovable, young for 40s, pre-op M-F TS with vivid imagination seeks Mr. Right for romantic candle-lit evenings. Well built 30-40s gentleman must appreciate unbridled femininity and support my quest to lose remaining inhibitions. Shapely, 5'10", 165. Not a good correspondent, will travel No. NY. Photo Please

CLEO JONES
(NY-P-M5376-K2860-83)
MWM, hetero, 60+, 5'9". Mbr Buffalo Belles. Rochester CD Network. Crossdressing since childhood. Wife negative and unaware of my TV life. Love to dress and be feminine. Looking for someone in my area for conversation. Can't afford separate apartment for Cleo. Will answer letters

L.W.
(NY-M5936-K3917-82)
This is a healthy, active person (M/67) interested in a CD friendship with either F2M or M2F. The sole purpose is to enjoy travel, particularly cruise travel, and most all functions on appropriately enjoyed basis. Regardless of whether F2M or M2F, I could contribute in a positive and helpful manner.

FRANCINE P.
(NY-P-M5622-K10729-84)
SWM, 5'11", CD. Rarely in public, never try passing. Interests: arts, music, activism. Would love being domestic partner of tall, dominant woman, 50+, in role-reversed relationship. Am healthy, loving, sensual, very responsive. All GFs, bi, straight, gay answered.

DEBBIE F.
(NY-P-M5798-K6076-82)
Mbr TGIC in Albany. Interested in friendship or possible relationship. Would like to talk or correspond. I'm 43, big and easy going. Like trains, car racing, and videotaping nature and other interesting events.

JUDY M.
(NY-M5594-K12374-81)
MWM mature CD who wishes to remain in the closet. Interested in acting out fantasies including soft bondage and role playing.

STEPHANIE S.
(NY-P-M5997-K12955-83)
DWM, TV, 46 (feel 33 when dressed and out), 132, 5'8", energetic, adventurous, pass well, enjoy shopping, outdoors, restaurants and festivals as Stephanie. So relaxing! Interested in writing to and meeting other TVs who go out, and genetic females. Will answer all. Photo appreciated.

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-86)
Member COS. MWM, 6'2", 44, hetero CD. I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass well, but I do go shopping dressed. Want company to talk on feminine things. Wife is not supportive.

ANA HUNT
(NY-P-M6041-K13138-83)
Biological female using makeup, clothes to facilitate M-F and F-M CD since early '70s. Member of leather community versed in roleplay, fetish. A respected domina for correspondence and professional training. Individuals, couples. New York and California.

KEN R.
(NY-M6079-K13261-84)
MWM, CD, 62. Not passable. Love TV-literature and sexy lingerie. Want to hear from you, especially New Englanders. I will answer.

LORRAINE DEVERE
NY-P-M6240-K13802-82)
DWM, CD 5'11", 39. Author and full time Graduate student. Interests include psychology, paganism, mythology, spirituality, fitness, astronomy, amateur radio and transgenderism. New to the scene. Looking for supportive, open-minded sisters for friendship and correspondence.

MICHELE W.
(NY-P-M6291-K14032-82)
TS on hormones almost a year. 6', 155. Interested in shopping, dining out, travel and staying fit. Enjoy dating tall men who know how to treat a woman. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible.

SHARON KANE
(NY-P-M6338-K0580-83)
DWM, 48, 5'8", 145, Albany area. Love to dress in sexy lingerie, pretty dresses, gowns and high heels. Then take photos of myself. Also have fetish for fashion magazines like Glamour. Would like to correspond with CDs, and understanding women for friendship. I miss female companionship.

PENNSYLVANIA

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-82)
SWM hetero CD. Enjoy dressing in full petticoats & square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter.

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-87)
MWM, 40-something. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses and high heels. Married to an accepting and helpful wife. Would like to hear from other married couples concerning CD relationships.

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-83)
5'11", 165, CD with strong TS tendencies. Now 40-something. I paint, play guitar and am struggling with computers. I enjoy jazz and rock, and occasionally classical music. I am a poor correspondent due to my heavy schedule.

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(NY-M3388-K6832-86)
Hetero CD, mature lady, committed to enjoying the feminine feelings that were left unfulfilled earlier. Enjoy photography and sailing. First memory crossdressed at 3 years. Now on line. Your e-mail address for mine. Home page under construction. Like chat rooms.

MICHELLE PETERSON
(PA-P-M3813-K3861-83)
SW bi-TV, tall, sexy blonde. Can be submissive or dominant. Love wearing leather, satins and lace, sheer stockings, high heels. Love to hear from all! Please include letter and photo for reply. Until then, Love, Michelle.

ROBIN LYNN
(PA-P-M5822-K9226-82)
40, Bi-CD with TS possibility, blonde, blue eyes. Love to dress to impress. Been out one year; loving it! Drink, smoke, party. Wish to meet CD/TS/GG, select males, clean and discreet. Only go around once, so let's do as we wish. Love. Photo nice.

DIANE DALE
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-84)
Member Renaissance, attend Paradise in the Poconos; MWM, hetero. Enjoy music, photography, shopping, aviation, and clubbing. Wife tolerant but not participating. Have a relatively normal life-style. Dress only a few times a year. Love to have fun, but nothing too extreme. Will answer.

D. MCKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-82)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Erie Sisters, founder of Travelers Express, a central PA group of confident, 100% public, out folks. NOT CROSS nor TRANS nor a woman thing, rather self-acceptance as being uniquely YOU. Single, progressive, hetero 'Dresser.' GGs always welcome. Be All and Riverside attendant. Femme photo gets response. Accept and enjoy who you are without shame.

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-82)
SW M-F hetero CD, 5'10", 260, Mbr TCNE. Like to help hetero F2M CDs discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. Helps if you like Japanese & Chinese cuisine.

MARGO E.
(PA-M6496-K14465-83)
Mid-50s, recently retired executive. Able to travel. Play golf all over the country. Also enjoy motorcycle riding, along with feminine fashion, especially silk and satin. Would like to correspond with other CDs and accepting females. Will answer all.

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-P-M4505-K9143-82)
Mbr Renaissance. CD, 6', 180, 12/14. Want letter/meeting others who appreciate the finer things in life. Enjoy shopping, dining & good conversation. Still working on Erica, her image is now that of a stylish sophisticated woman. Let's talk.

BARBARA D.
(PA-P-M5151-K9319-82)
DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. Love fashion & modeling. Enjoy the challenge & magic when the clothes, accessories & makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking & fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females & other TV/TSs.

ELLEN S.
(PA-P-M5319-K11011-82)
SWM, 46, Bi-TV. Been crossdressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write & meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup & being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all.

DENISE JANE H.
(PA-M6101-K13329-88)
Emerging TV with TS feelings. MWM, 45, 145, 6'0", 8. Hetero, but curious. Married, with children, to a wonderful, understanding & accepting woman. Member of IFGE & Renaissance. Enjoy shopping, camping, quiet times & being domestic. Love heels, lingerie, dressing & being feminine. Interested in meeting & corresponding with other TV/TG/TSs, especially married couple.

JAMIE LYNN
(PA-P-M5944-K12969-83)
Single, pre-op TS, 40s, 5'10", 150. Looking for special friendship. Love the arts and all things feminine. Enjoy art museums and disco clubs. Can travel northern MD, DE, eastern and central PA. Response limited to GGs and other TGs.

JEAN STEWART
(PA-M6340-K14301-82)
Genetic girl, hetero, 34, 135, 5'6". I'd like to correspond with a CD male for mutual understanding of our feminine selves & to develop a close, loyal, trusting friendship which could grow into long-term, intimate, proven relationship. I need genuine, open, honest sincerity & mutual respect.

DELEWARE

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-86)
Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. To all who have written, please forgive me; I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people from each organization. I hope & pray that I can be & have been of some help to others.

BRENDA LYNN GRAY
(DE-P-M5215-K2009-82)
Single CD, 5'7", sz 8. Mbr Renaissance. Comfortable with my male & fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making friends. Like to hear from sisters. Photo appreciated.

ELIZABETH C.
(DE-P-M5733-K12679-85)
MWM, 39, 6', 175. Have been crossdressing for 10+ years. Wife very supportive. Looking for other married or single crossdressers to correspond with. Enjoy boating, model railroading and sexy clothing. All answered.

WASHINGTON D.C

SHEILA B.
(DC-M3810-K7721-81)
Meet me in the closet, that's where the clothes are. Lifelong crossdresser and lingerie lover wishes to encounter her mirror image: a married bi-TV interested in a confidential and mutually satisfying friendship.

TORI W.
(DC-P-M6409-K14624-82)
I am 36, 6'1", 156, just starting to explore my feminine side with the help of a supporting, enthusiastic lady. Would like to meet other couples and singles for going out and sharing interests including sports, writing, travel.

MARYLAND

DIANNE FERN
(MD-P-M2229-K2673-82)
A mature TV with great interest in the transgendered life-style. Wife is very supportive. Enjoy jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress often. Wish to share gender euphoria with sisters and others who have an interest in our life-style.

ANN MILLER
(MD-M2776-K4606-82)
45-year-old CD, TS wannabe, friendly, affectionate, passable on a good day. Available for. . . I don't know. I'd like to hear from soul mates of like mind. Photo, please.

STEPHANIE G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-81)
Lifelong TV-TG fetishist. Have extensive library which I've maintained for 28 years: TV-TS material. Married with understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!

TOM D.
(MD-M5750-K12704-81)
TV from early childhood. I enjoy all that is feminine. Age 64, pass for early 50s. Onto yachting, fishing and enjoying people. Looking for other TVs & women in the surrounding states. Will answer all.

RENE REYNOLDS
(MD-P-M4191-K8579-82)
34 years young and very active. Interests include Rollerblading, hiking, scuba, music, and, of course, shopping. I am passionately searching for an accepting GG or TS for a lifetime relationship.

JESSICA LABRECQUE
(MD-P-M5983-K2698-83)
SW TV, 5'10", 150, sandy blond with green eyes. Beautiful set of legs that I love to show off. I enjoy stuffed animals, shopping and dancing. Love to meet a slim, attractive TV who is interested in starting hormones with me.

THOMAS T.
(MD-M6416-K14711-83)
BM, 5'6", retired Army. Finally, after years of suppression, I can begin to enjoy life. Hope to start dressing soon. Would love to hear from anyone, even if it's just to say hello. I am a great listener.

VIRGINIA

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-82)
Mbr of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs.

JAYNE MACK
(VA-M1206-K0748-84)
WM, bi, 50s. Feminine side been closeted too long. Now eager to learn and experience all. Would love to hear from sisters, women and men who can help. Love books, writing, jazz, computers and sexy lingerie.

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-82)
40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. Try to be a good correspondent, not always successful. Enjoy meeting others. Always trying to be better. Advice welcome.

KIMBERLY C.
(NVA-P-M2300-K2981-82)
TG. Have been crossdressing for 40 years. Last attended Southern Comfort 1994. Mbr Virginia's Secret, TGEA. Will exchange experiences of coming out to family & business associates. Will answer all.

DON C.
(VA-M4284-K1425-84)
DC-metro area Asian male looking for a special lady to spend quality time with. Good sense of humor, like to enjoy life. Gentleman, always. Looking forward to hearing from you.

MELINDA C.
(VA-M5236-K11639-82)
SWM, 6'1", 52, TV for 35+ years. Still in the closet, but have been out once and it was wonderful. Will be joining Tri-Ess soon. Hope to meet and correspond with other sisters!

HEIDI ANN COBART
(VA-P-M2522-K3686-84)
New to Richmond, Va. Very feminine and passable, very bicurious. Seeking friendship, playmate. Would love to hear from passable CD/TSs and biGGs. Very sensitive, spontaneous, adventurous, playful, fun to be with and discreet. Let's explore the possibilities!

DIANA AUSTIN
(VA-P-M3283-K6478-82)
I enjoy my life! Outgoing, sophisticated, unpretentious, and fun-loving describes me. Do you like fashion, art, theater, fine wine and being yourself? Yes! Well then, write to me and tell me more. I enjoy corresponding with sincere, intelligent people.

SEANNA HIDEGARD
(VA-M5956-K8518-86)
Married CD, hetero, non-approving wife. Would like to be in touch with others in my area in same circumstances. Love lingerie most. Very closeted.

DANIELLE MEADOWS
(VA-P-M5455-K10619-83)
Enjoy writing to other sisters; I'm in lifelong transition looking for lifelong friendships. I'm 5'8", 133, TS, and pass without problems. Enjoy lying on beach in bikini, hiking in mountains, canoeing, going to movies (sci-fi) and Native American music. Spiritual vegetarian.

JUNE GRILLS
(VA-M6124-K13407-83)
MWM CD, 60, 5'11", size 14-16. Retired, exploring feminine side. Hobbies are sailing and classic cars. Passion is crossdressing and all things feminine. Want to correspond with and meet others to share girl things. All letters answered promptly.

ANDIE LEE
(VA-M6336-K14284-82)
SWM, 40-ish, TG, possible TS, 5'9", 140, size 8. Happy, well adjusted, positive outlook. Living full time as a lady. Recently returned to USA after many years abroad. Wish to meet TGs for friendship and possible romance.

CINDY WILLIAMS
(VA-P-M6422-K14762-83)
TV, separated, 40s, intelligent, educated, unpretentious, very considerate. Confidently looking for new life/career. Male, yet feminine; loving, sensitive, submissive. Sincerely seek to build togetherness, serve, share life with intelligent, assertive, yet gentle, loving woman. I need to give, love; and be loved.

WEST VIRGINIA

STEVIE LYNN
(WV-P-M5769-K12733-82)
Single CD, TS tendencies, 40s, 5'9", 162. Pass fairly well. Television engineer, rock singer, song-writer, musician. (Rabid Stevie Nicks fan.) Small home studio. Several gender songs. Trying for mainstream music success as a woman. Need help with feminine singing voice. Speaking voice okay. Know any record producers?

NORTH CAROLINA

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-84)
This Carolina girl adores everything about being a lady. Enjoy sending letters and photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, & proud to be a part of it. Being Pamela is not something I do, it is a part of who I am. Write soon!

EMMA S.
(NC-P-M4864-K6443-87)
SWM, bi-TV, 35, out with public, not out with family yet. Searching for friends and possibly more. Prefer 1950s glamour look (Jane Russell wannabe), including lingerie (esp. girdles and corsets), evening wear, and cigarette holders. Please write. I will reply.

A.G.
(NC-M5485-K12085-84)
WM, 38, 5'11" 170#. Seek feminine, passable TV/TS for friendship and possible relationship in NC. Educated professional desires that special someone who wants to be totally treated as a lady. Willing to host. Photo phone gets reply.

RACHEL K.
(NC-P-M6214-K13714-81)
SWM CD, 5'10" 170. Love dressing and sexy lingerie. Would love to meet sisters in the triangle area or surrounding states. Will respond to all. Can travel.

RANDI P.
(NC-P-M6311-K14133-81)
SWM lesbian CD, very soft and femme. 5'8", 120, long hair, blue eyes, many interests. Seek female, TS or passable CD to relocate with me for lasting love. Prefer my height or smaller. Letter, photo, must. Let's meet.

SOUTH CAROLINA

TRISH J.
(SC-M4698-K9264-82)
MWM TV, 36, 190, 5'10", size 16. Seeking others in upper SC or western NC. Would love to write, talk & maybe meet other sisters. Dressing since early teens. Wife supportive and understands my need to be me. Working on that passing thing we all worry about.

GEORGIA

STEPHANIE COX
(GA-M5122-K9875-81)
43, open-minded, open heart, massage therapist and herbalist. Coming out and gaining strength by doing so. Supportive family and friends. Deeply spiritual., Love classical piano, jazz, Tai Chi, botany, gardening.

CINDY COLLINS
(GA-P-M5993-K4470-83)
Divorced. CD since age 5. Dress completely as a woman every night. Exclusively wear dresses with appropriate lingerie, Silk Reflections pantyhose and high heels. Makeup by Channel & Estee Lauder, jewelry by Channel.

FLORIDA

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-81)
Member Tau Lambda, IFGE, AEGIS. Married, 6'2", 190, 41. Feel like life is just beginning. I'm working hard to understand where I'm going on this glorious gender journey. Want to hear from others in N FL/S GA area.

JOAN J.
(FL-P-M1703-K1867-84)
SWM, hetero-TV, 46, 5'11", 165, professional in Tampa Bay area. Enjoy photography and sports cars. Working on voice. Seeking understanding, nonsmoking woman for friendship. Like to meet gentle, positive-minded TV/TSs.

PATSY L.
(FL-P-M2636-K4118-82)
SWM, bi-TV, 5'5", 138, 52, 7/8, professional with advanced degrees. Wish to correspond, travel, & host. Interests: cooking, touring, camping & being feminine. Would love to go shopping, dancing, dining en femme. Hope to meet right person for romance & a serious loving relationship.

NANCY McDERMOTT
(FL-P-M5456-K10695-83)
MWM, hetero TV, wife knows. Want to write/visit like-minded TGs/couples. Can travel state. Contemporary dresser, average looks. Will answer all & would like to be a woman with you & will share costs. I don't drink/drug/smoke.

JEAN RICH
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-86)
Lecturer, star of stage shows, HBO special, All dressed and nowhere to go. Look forward to meeting people interested in photography, stocks, travel and dancing. Hetero, 5'8". Send photo for return response.

MONIQUE SIMONE
(FL-P-M3328-K6606-84)
Statuesque, bi-TV, Ft. Myers. Interested in meeting other sisters in the area. Couple also. Enjoy all feminine things, golf, photography, internet.

DIANNE WHITE
(FL-P-M4025-K5217-83)
TS on hold. Mbr MOTG. Fun, enjoyable, dateable. Let's party. 60, slim figure, size 9, nice legs. Love dressing stylishly, youthful and provocatively. Spike heels, tight skirts and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Fantastic! Let's chat. Love corresponding. All answered.

STEPHANIE MICHAELS
(FL-P-M3753-K8207-83)
Founding member of the North Florida Sisters (Jacksonville area). Attended Southern Comfort '93. SWM, 43, 5'5", 145. Always looking for CD or TS girl friend in the area to go out on the town with.

SUSAN AWGMAN
(FL-P-M5840-K3908-82)
Single college instructor looking for new places to continue on this wonderful path I have been allowed to travel. I am spiritually centered & most baggage has been unloaded. Love all life's experiences. Will answer all. TS, 5'11", 170, 41.

DAWN ELIZABETH E.
(FL-P-M5353-K2034-82)
Would enjoy hearing from other TS girls in S FL. In transition and would like to have a friend to guide me. Will answer all promptly!

MICHELLE KAUFMAN
(FL-P-M5723-K12668-81)
M bi-TV, 30s, 5'11", 150, size 12, drink, smoke, party. Seeking local friends with similar interests & correspondence with all interested in bi-TV life-style. Don't be shy!

MICHELLE SHARP
(FL-P-M5756-K12724-81)
SWM bi, 50, CD since childhood. Honest, discreet, playful adventuress. Adore femininity. Interests: music scuba, plants, friends, conversation and laughter. Wish to meet, converse & correspond with TV/TS, men or women with inquisitive minds & playful spirits.

NIKKI W.
(FL-P-M6025-K13085-83)
Single, lonely TS. Presently incarcerated, but soon to be released. 23, 5'7", blonde, blue eyes, disease-free. I'd like to correspond with other TS/TV/CDs. ISO LTR or just friendship. Certified paralegal, too.

BRITTANY S.
(FL-P-M6369-K14269-82)
27-year-old pre-op TS, 5'11". Seeking feminine, passable CD/TS for friendship near Florida west coast. For those interested, please provide photo and a description about yourself.

ALABAMA

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-84)
Member of Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, 2, 3. DWM, 62, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservations. Semiretired. Can travel at will.

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-P-M4764-K10766-82)
DWM, early 50s (feel much younger!), 5'8", 140, teacher, author. Coastal Alabama. Love partying, all kinds of dancing (especially being led), reading, movies, travel, dressing nicely, meeting new people, having new adventures, receiving and answering letters. Love being a woman. I answer all letters.

HOLLY GRANT
(AL-P-M5952-K3305-83)
Late 40s, Tri-Ess, wife recently learned and is struggling with it, people watcher (they're a giggle). No television so plenty of time to write. Love to get mail from all types and from all over. What's on your mind?

JOANNA NOELLE
(AL-P-M6164-K8967-84)
DWM, bi-CD. 50+, 5'11", 170. Been dressing forever, recently out. Gulf Coast, Alabama. Hobbies: music, reading, and, of course, dressing. Very discreet. Wish to find cute, playful TV/TS for fun and men or women for dates.

TENNESSEE

JAMIE CORNETT
(TN-P-M2335-K3037-84)
Sbi-CD, 5'11", 145. Love being a redhead & en femme. Understanding and open-minded. Will answer all. Request photo.

LIZ FONTAINE
(TN-P-M2471-K3494-82)
Loving, lifelong crossgendered TV, MWM, seek pen pals for sharing thoughts and feelings, childhood experiences and photos. Passable, trim, 5'8", 10-12, 40s, brunette (own hair). Especially fond of hairstyling, lingerie and sleep wear, makeup, girl talk, and all things feminine. Answer all, request photo.

LORA M.
(TN-P-M6162-K3579-84)
CD, TG, 41, blond, green eyes, 6'. Enjoy everything feminine, hair, makeup, clothes, lingerie, dining out, movies, going out and having fun. I would like to meet women, CDs, TSs and men in my area for friendship. No nude photos, please.

KAREN T.
(TN-P-M3039-K4983-82)
DWM, CD, 50s, 5'11", 135. Open-minded, interested in most things. Would like to meet with other CDs and admirers living near Tennessee. Photo appreciated.

TONI ALEXANDRA EVOLA
(TN-P-M6102-K6120-83)
Pre-op M2F TS, 25, 5'9", 135, brown/brown. Mbr IFGE. Degreed professional, working in the health care industry. Interests include the arts, travel, fashion, culture, and writing. Seeking long-term relationship with pre-/post-op TS possessing qualities. Request photo and letter.

MISSISSIPPI

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-83)
Mbr of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, hetero, 41. Like being a woman & meeting women & CDs in MS. Love going to restaurants, movies, & shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-83)
6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. Interests: playing guitar, shopping, reading. Wife supportive at home; still in closet, passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all.

KENTUCKY

JUKUE R.
(KY-M1992-K2494-84)
Love to hear from all.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Mbr Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV. 6', 180. Been in public for years, & understand self & others well. Wife & children know, understand & love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life.

MARY ANNE WILLIAMS
(KY-P-M5525-K12197-84)
Late 40s. Only recently began giving in to my female feelings. Oh, such sweet surrender! Wonderful, supportive wife. Desperately want to pass. Much to learn. Would like to get to know other KY girls. Interests: acting, transcendental meditation, rock 'n' roll.

CINDY LEE
(KY-P-M5674-K12524-82)
Mbr StLGS. Attended Be All '96. MWM, 6', 155. Love being Cindy, and all things feminine. Enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TSs.

RACHEL MARIE T.
(KY-M6063-K13218-83)
MWM CD, mid-50s. Recent widower, CD as long as I can remember. Would like to join a TG community. Maybe I can help in some way.

OHIO

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-83)
Retired, living in small town. Interested in senior citizens pre-op or post-op. Willing to help novice. On hormones and coming out of the closet.

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S-OH-P-M0954-K1005-81)
Mbr Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, & Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an A wife. An original organizer of Paradise. I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, girl talk, & picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40s.

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-84)
Divorced, hetero CD, 6', 185. Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Enjoy fishing, camping, & old movies. Dress anytime I can, absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area & feel alone & frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet.

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-82)
Live in NW Ohio. Mbr Glass City Sisters, Toledo; Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess. Married CD to supportive wife. 58, 5'7", 176. Attended Riverside '94/5. Pass easily. Go en femme. Doing things other women do. Will answer all. Honest and sincere. Offer support and fellowship.

DIANE M.
(OH-P-M2212-K2660-82)
SWM, 41, tall, thin, shy, hetero TV with very strong TS tendencies. Love everything about being a woman. Would like to correspond with other TSs, pre- or post-op, and genetic females for help with my femininity.

KAREN S.
(OH-M5873-K2386-82)
MWM, curious, shy, a bit scared. Would like to correspond with others who have supportive wives. I still live in secrecy. I will return all photos sent, and try to reply to all correspondence. Looking for friendship first.

WAYNE L.
(OH-P-M2671-K4180-84)
SWM, 36, decent, masculine, open-minded guy. Like to hear from TV/TSs for friendship, romantic dates, possible relationship. I live out in the country, enjoy nature, photography, motorcycling. Can travel or entertain.

LAURA A. SIMS
(OH-P-M3956-K6882-82)
DWM, mbr Cincinnati CrossPort, Atlanta Sigma Epsilon. Active in local theater arts in administrative capacity. Hobbies are aviation, ornithology and, of course, CD. Like girl talk, organized activities and dining out. Enjoy corresponding with other girls and will reply. PROMISE!

LAUREN A.
(OH-P-M4694-K10380-87)
Femme inside for many years. Now enjoy letting her learn to live. Love dressing, looking good, learning domestic chores.

Would love to be a hot date. Computers, photography, woodworking, writing. Will respond.

DENISE DAWSON
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-86)
Mbr paradise Club. attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. single CD 39, 5'7", 132. Very passable & love fooling general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs & GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship.

DENISE DAVIDSON
(OH-P-M4984-K9444-83)
Cleveland, west side. Member IME of western Michigan and Paradise Club in Ohio. Married, but living alone due to job transfer. Love shopping, movies, and quiet nights at home. Like to meet TG/TS and GG for friendship.

JILL AMBROSE
(OH-P-M5627-K7653-85)
Mbr Crossport. Hetero, married CD. Out of closet at Be All '95. Flew en femme to '96 Texas T Party. Attended '96 Holiday En Femme. Travel en femme frequently. Love to meet other TGs. Interests include country & western music, photography & railroads.

RENEE S.
(OH-M6379-K14461-82)
Soon to be married again. 5'15", 200, 50s. Have been dressing since a teenager, but enjoying it much more with support of SO. We want to meet couples in Ohio and surrounding states for socializing. Photos shared with those who respond.

INDIANA

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Finance Committee. Lifetime Mbr IXE. IFGE Trinity Award '91. Friendly, sincere individual who enjoys people involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-81)
MWM CD, 35-year-old. Attend many events around the country. Very supportive wife. Been out for many years and enjoy totally feminine experience. Enjoy shopping, modeling, socializing. Looking for like-minded couples & select singles to meet & walk on the edge with. Photo and letter gets reply.

EDIE S.
(IN-M3329-K6627-82)
Mbr IXE, WM CD, gemini. Just coming out, easy going, very sincere individual who enjoys all people involved in gender issues. Power walker. Body fitness & excersise are my lifestyle. Many hobbies, gourmet cooking, bird watcher, beer maker. Love all music. Write me soon.

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-84)
MWM, nonsupportive wife, mature, advanced CD. Mbr Tri-Ess, IXE & CIGA. Interested in writing, music, history, bicycling, and tennis. Loving, enthusiastic & committed, but also prudent. Eager to help others in our lovely community. Will answer. Photo Please

VICTORIA LEE
(IN-P-M4112-K6392-82)
MWM, 51, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. Still trying to get out the door.

MICHIGAN

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-83)
Transgender supporter of Be All, 12 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby, college lecturer, Crossroads past officer.

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-81)
5'11", 170, reddish brown hair, blue eyes, TS. What a beautiful exploration this has been. Though I cannot be Jennifer all the time, those times that I am are special and have taught me to move in this world accepted as a woman.

MARCIA ANN T.
(MI-P-M1871-K2173-83)
Mbr IFGE, Cross Roads of MI, Tri-Ess. Mature lady passing in public for over 50 years. Dependable correspondent. Pleased to share my experiences and advice with all who wish help. Reside in tri-city area and south Florida.

ANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-87)
SWM, born 1947, TG, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Mbr Crossroads, IFGE. Have undergone electrolysis and permanent cosmetics. Enjoy reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and wearing women's clothes.

CHARLOTTE YATES
(MI-M5445-K12696-82)
I am a member of Cross Roads, but not active. I have just started into transgender interests this last year. I'm not sure what interest I will have.

DIANE REED
(MI-M3740-K8200-85)
Some see things as they are and ask, Why? I see things as they could be and ask, Why not? TG, visionary, seeks mutually supportive dialog with sisters aspiring to or having successfully combined avocations, activism into full life's work.

SUZY D.
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-82)
Mbr Crossroads. 40s, 5'6", 140. Very feminine, passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would like very much to correspond with sisters & gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!

CHRISTINE EVERS
(MI-M6341-K5457-82)
SWM bi-TV. A mature, experienced 62-year-old crossdresser. Love lingerie, hose, heels, and all of being a woman. Desire correspondence and meeting other TV/TSs or other interested males, females, and couples.

FRAN C.
(MI-P-M5813-K8743-82)
Tall, mbr Cross Roads, near Detroit. I have been out for about 4 years. I look good as a female. Open to new things. Not afraid of a challenge. It makes life worth living. Single and employed. Late 40s, in good health and very discreet. Love heels. I go out a lot and enjoy life a lot. Love to have fun.

ROBIN J.
(MI-M4209-K9498-83)
SW bi-TV. Dressing since childhood. Interested in outdoors, old pickups and feminine dressing in short skirts and heels. Not passable, but would to emerge part time. Help and support wanted from anyone. Looking forward to hearing from you.

JULIA A.
(MI-P-M6289-K14025-81)
DMCD, 52, mbr Crossroads, attended Be All '96. Pass most of the time. Enjoy going out as Julia, ballroom/country dancing, fishing, backpacking, photography. Drive 18-wheeler OTR for a living. Bi-curious. Will try to answer any who write. Your photo gets mine.

SHAWNA C. TIOLI
(MI-P-M6453-K14927-83)
Lifelong CD/TS. Mid-40s, younger at heart. Planning SRS in year 2000. Love GGs, but I admit to bi-curiosity. Very single and open to pen pals, friends, support, dates, and a long term relationship. I will answer all who write.

DIANE H.
(MN-M6451-K14910-83)
Tall, light brown hair, blue eyes. Mbr Alpha Zeta of Arizona. Interested in dressing and being as feminine as possible. Would love to find a sister in my area to get together with and explore all the different avenues of femininity.

WISCONSIN

SHANNON D.
(WI-M5526-K11487-81)
SWM, 32, who has strong TS feelings seeks pre- or post-op TSs as big sisters to tenderly and discreetly guide me down the road to feminization. Attracted to lesbian TSs. Eventually seek to relocate to SF, Florida, or ??

LAVERNE ATHERTON
(WI-P-M0529-K1137-83)
Pre-op TS, 5'7", 160, blue eyes, brown or whatever color wig I decide to wear. Born August, 1949. I wish to write to or talk to anyone who wishes to write or talk to me. My interests are many and varied: WW II history, '50/60s music, classical, jazz, blues, folk, rock, photography, model railroading, aircraft, sci-fi, Star Trek, fiction and all things feminine. Will answer all.

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-82)
There's nothing more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this, constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond & be friends, too.

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-82)
MWM, 5'10", 195, professional, college grad, ex-military. Interests include religion, family, music, and aviation. CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles and classic businesswoman look. Would like to hear from those with similar interests.

CATHY A. BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-85)
Single, 5'9", 160, 39 and holding. Caring sensitive, been CD since early childhood. Completely enjoy and am proud of my feminine self. Would like to correspond/meet with sincere others for letter and photo exchange, girl talk, fashion, public outings, photography & mutual support.

T.P.
(WI-M5003-K8284-84)
Hi! Am a lifelong crossdresser eager to integrate a healthy masculine and feminine. Also want a stronger spiritual life that incorporates both my masculine and feminine.

LAURA B.
(WI-NP-M4513-K5814-82)
5'6", 170, blue eyes. Mbr Tri-ess Chi Chapter & Gemini Gender Group. Just started to go out dressed in public. What a great feeling! Pass with no problem. Looking for friends for outings to help improve my femme self. Tired of hiding.

GINA J.
(WI-P-M4632-K10214-84)
Tall, slender, 11, TV/TG. Dressing and being dressed since childhood. Interests include building, teaching English as a second language, travel, fashion (!), modeling (!!). Would love to hear from other TV/TGs, and serious, secure, marriage-minded men.

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JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-83)
Mbr. CLCC, 6'2", 180. Attended Fantasia Fair and Be All events. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball & investing. Married to a warm & supportive spouse. I like to express my feminine side at home & local meetings.

VANESSA SHERIDAN
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ILLINOIS

MICHELE M.
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-88)
Married (with grade-schoolers) TG/CD, 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, engineer, historian, musicologist, philosopher, scientist, intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, nonsmoker, sensitive, heterosexual, infrequent correspondent (family first . . . Michele last).

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(IL-P-M2166-K2587-83)
Tall, fun-loving blonde who loves music, sports, going out, hypnosis and collecting hats and fans. Would love to meet or correspond with anyone who wants a 'nutty' girl friend.

JENNIFER RENEE T.
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MISSOURI

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Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 33. Interested in sharing experiences, strength, and hopes. I am also a recovering alcoholic and addict. Six years. Has anyone else found recovery? Photo and phone gets same, but not required.

KANSAS

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(KS-P-M4627-K10171-82)
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(KS-P-M4893-K8412-83)
SWMTG, 5'7", 40, 145. Professional. Enjoy classical music, reading, movies, coffee shops and outdoors. Passable. I am moving towards TS and full time living. Seek friends to lend advice and experiences.

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(NE-P-M1655-K1347-82)
Am fully out in my home town. Live about 25% as Deb. My loving wife, family and friends are educating alliance to what gender issues are all about. If you would like help in coming out, please write. We will gladly help.

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LOUISIANA

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44yo TG/TS. Unfolding self-awareness bittersweet. Love my children/spouse (fear loss), but coming home, at last. Working to stay grounded and in integrity. Introspective, analytical, nuts; talk too much. Rollerblading's second only to dancing as best exercise.

STEPHANIE LEE HART
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ARKANSAS

STACI B.
(AR-P-M5550-K12188-83)
WM CD, bi, 5'10", 150, 40s, brn/brn, 8. Married. Wife doesn't know, nor would she ever approve. Interests are classical music, travel, history, and anything feminine. Love anything SATIN, especially lingerie and gowns! Would love meeting beautiful CDs for shared interests. Good correspondent and love to write. Interested in photo exchanges and meetings. Love being the woman I am!

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OKLAHOMA

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TEXAS

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CASEY COLE
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GINA S.
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MWM. mid-40s, CD/TG with TS inclinations. Seeking advice and support to achieve goal in coming out and being able to live a female life-style. Wife knows, trying to accept, but nonsupportive. I have much to learn about my femininity. Hearing from my sisters would be a great help.

IDAHO

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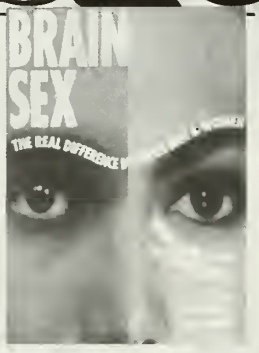

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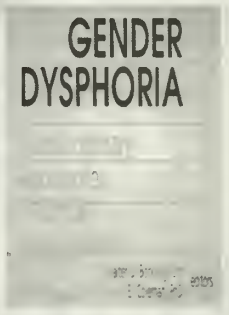

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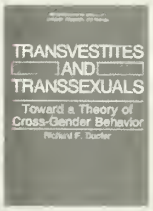

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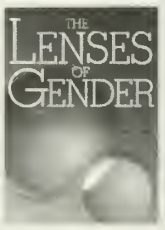

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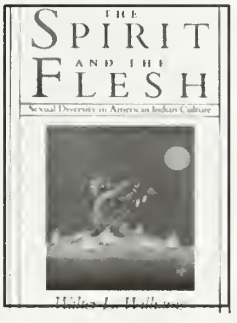

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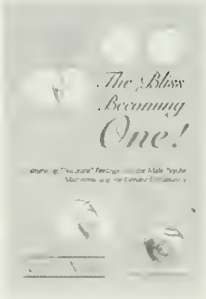

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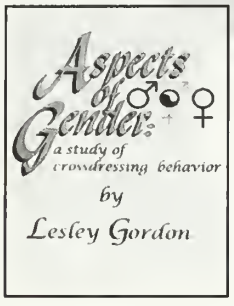

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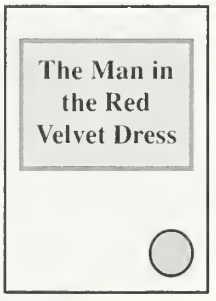

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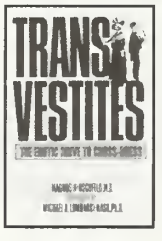

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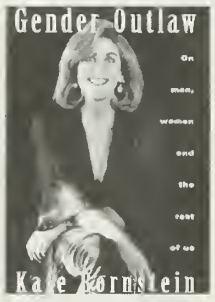

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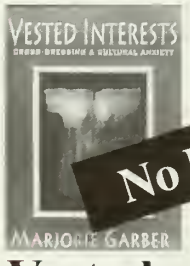

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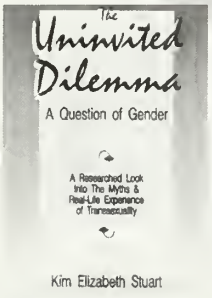

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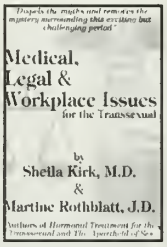

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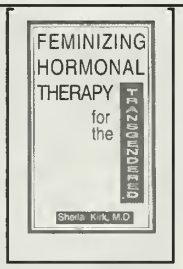

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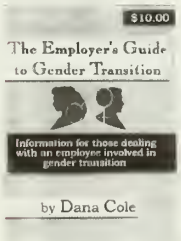

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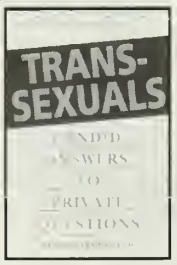

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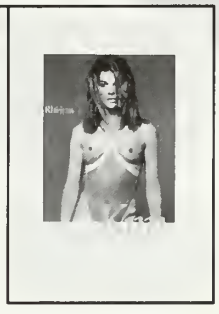

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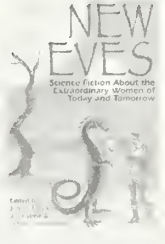

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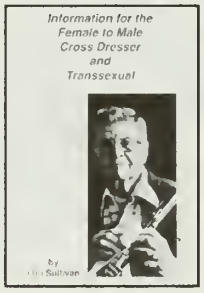

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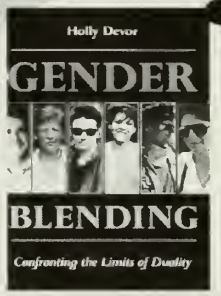

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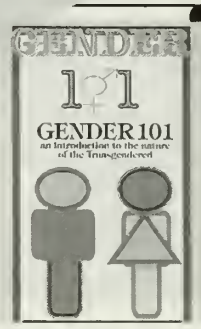

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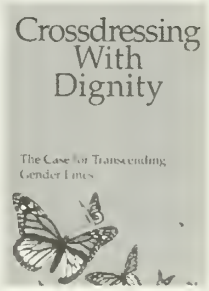

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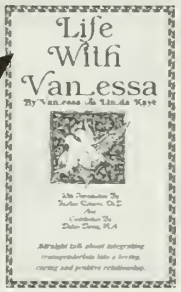

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BOB DAVIS
(CA-M2620-K1631-84)
Mbr ETVC, Lady Like columnist, ETVC Cotillion judge, presenter 2nd Congress Sex & Gender. Collector TG books, periodicals & ephemera. Looking to buy, sell, trade and compare collections. All will be answered. Please be patient.

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-M2833-K4704-84)
Mbr ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, & astrology. Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, special relationships with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female since 1983. Your SASE & photo gets mine.

KAY M.
(CA-M6375-K14391-82)
Mature CD, 60, bi, seek long-term CD friends who love writing, photography, good talk, caring & confiding, & the feminine psyche. I'm tall, curvy, enjoy many styles from stretch jeans to ultra-femme gowns & lingerie. Interested in the evolving CD identity. Please write. Let's enjoy!

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Mbr ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30s (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex*—Contributors welcome. This is my real life.

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-P-M3627-K7688-83)
60+, 5'10", 160, retired. Member SGA. Long time CD/TV. No longer in closet. Enjoy going to meetings, dinners, & in general enjoying relationships with other sisters. Would love to hear from you, especially Sacramento area.

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-83)
TG/TS Supportive wife. Pass as someone comfortable with ambiguity. Hormones since '85. The arts, literature, rural living, fashion. Buddhism and Deep-ecology teacher. Value authenticity, freedom of thought, humor, celebration, good friends. Seeking new friends in Southern California.

ANN SMITH
(CA-M4351-K9593-84)
Loving, warm, successful professional interested in other successful, professional TVs. My goal is to understand the relationship between crossdress-

ing and business/professional success. Want to meet and discuss this. Lifelong crossdresser. So. Cal.

KAREN ADLER
(CA-P-M-5172-K11409-81)
I'm a good listener, friendly company, confident (135, 5'7") MTV. Maya Angelou's Phenomenal Woman says it best, '. . . when I try to show them, they say they can't see, I say it's in the click of my heels, the sun of my smile, the grace of my style . . . that's me . . . '

GLENDA S.
(CA-P-M5388-K1175-83)
SWM, 38, 6'1", 180, size 11, tall, slender. Enjoy CD in tight clothes and becoming as sexy as I can. Wish to meet same or TV/TS. Exchange letters, photos, videos. Answer all. Have enjoyed all responses and exchanges since appearing in *Transgender Tapestry*, and hope for many more.

RANDI GARNER
(CA-M5412-K7639-84)
TS full time. ETVC/SIS/Cal Dreaming '96. New to San Francisco after coming from small mountain town in No. Calif. Will answer all.

JAN JENSEN
(CA-M5494-K12112-84)
MWM, bi-TV/TS-inclined, 56, 6', 195, 18. Wife okay to a point. Dressed all my life. Wear lingerie at all times. Go out occasionally. Love everything femme. On hormones since '84. Love to hear from anyone self-employed. Design, fabricate, repair, restore race cars & street rods.

TERRY MILLER
(CA-M5837-K12810-86)
Very sexy bi-TV, 5'8", 150, 37 years old. I pass easily in most situations. I love to go out on dates with interesting men, especially double dates with one of my TV sisters. Will answer all.

ANN C.
(CA-P-M5937-K12959-82)
Late 40s TG, 5'13", 180, cross-lived on hormones for 7 years in 80s, mucho denial since. Single, bi, but conflicted and closeted. Bipolar depressive. Lawyer, writer, singer/song writer, skier, golfer, self-employed professional editor. Need support, engagement, perspective!

REVANA ROSE
(CA-P-M6246-K1195-81)
29-year-old gender explorer into living, loving, & learning. Enjoy shopping and dancing as "just a girl in the world" with my adventurous SO. Interests include counseling psychology, self-growth, cyberspace, metaphysics and crossdressing (duh). What's your story?

PATTY S.
(CA-P-M6420-K3207-83)
MTF TG, soft, feminine, pretty, domestic, always wear a dress. Want to hear from FTM TV/TG/TS and butch women interested in exploring role reversed relationship. Also interested in hearing from kind, discreet gentlemen.

HAWAII

ROBIE AISHA
(HI-P-M6178-K9963-84)
32-year-old TG "lesbian," still searching for identity. Not out yet. Looking for bi or lesbian females for LTR. Planning to relocate to San Francisco by '98 for graduate school and to further explore self as a fine artist and a "lesbian." Still would like to hear from other Asian TGs and lesbians for Asia/USA support network. Send letter and photo.

KEVINA DONELLE
(HI-P-M6235-K0545-82)
CD finally accepting the finer things in life. Love tight, sexy clothes and long dresses. Coming out of closet. Enjoy shopping and dressing for pleasure. Also theater and fine wine. Love correspondence with sisters. A letter and photo gets mine. Write soon.

TRACY RYAN
(HI-P-M6511-K4534-84)
Cofounder of Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Can be reached c/o them. Mostly involved in libertarian politics and the effort to decriminalize prostitution. I'm sorry, but I lack the time to keep up with pen pals. I will answer letters from those sharing my interests, or who plan to come to Hawaii.

OREGON

HEATHER M.
(OR-P-M4689-K9843-82)
6' MW TV, still in closet. Too nervous to venture out. Seek friends for correspondence. Enjoy cooking, history (BS), Sci-Fi, shopping and the world of femininity. Wonderful wife knows and is supportive to an extent. TS thoughts have been strong lately. Answer all with photo.

D.H.
(OR-M5951-K6466-82)
SWM, 50, wants LTR with TS/TV/TG/GG to come out with. Explore and provide support to. Ready to relocate. 5'11", 200, long blond hair. Especially drawn to drag queens and TVs who are submissive and sexy.

WASHINGTON

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-P-M0258-K0560-83)
Mbr NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160 CD. Like music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting sisters. Have supportive SO. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social gettogethers & CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer.

BARBARA M.
(WA-P-M2458-K3421-82)
Mbr Emerald City, IFGE. 5'6", 150, gray hair. Out many years part time. Seem to pass, or people are kind & do not mention it. Joined TV group hoping to find friend to pal around with. Was better looking before auto accident.

LORRIE T.
(WA-P-M4057-K7891-82)
MWM, 49, 10. CD with supportive wife wishes to correspond with others. Very much want to make friends and dress one-on-one with other CDs in OR/WA. Not looking for sex, just good friends. Please write and I'll respond. Photo appreciated. Let's enjoy our feminine selves together.

STACI ELAINE DAVIS
(WA-P-M4919-K10876-84)
Feminine, DSWM lesbian TV. Love beauty in nature, music, feminine & caring relationships. I am a smoker, 6', 220. Love shopping & wearing all the things that other women do. I like to read *Transgender, Woman Talk* & watch daytime soaps.

TINA H.
(WA-P-M6337-K14287-82)
Attractive SW bi-TV, 40s, IFGE member. Been crossdressing since age 13. My passion is crossdressing and all things feminine. Love heels, hose, lace, lingerie. Would like to correspond and meet with other TVs and supportive ladies. Your photo gets mine. Will answer all.

CHRISTINE ADAMES
(WA-P-M6442-K4406-83)
Mbr Emerald City, 34, with understanding SO. Passable. Enjoy both contemporary and Victorian fashions. Would like to attend more public events and small social gatherings. I also like sailing, biking, nature, music, dancing, making friends. Would like to hear from sisters in the northwest and England. Peace!

ANN J.
(WA-M5800-K12775-85)
Widower, mid-60s, mbr Emerald City, IFGE. Attended my first event, Esprit '97. Looking forward to many more. Enjoy travel, boating and aviation. Interested in developing friendships with other CD/TSs and accepting women who would enjoy sharing common interests.

ALASKA

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-83)
Mbr Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 52, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife & grown & gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar & flute. Spend all my non-work time as a woman, & go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated.

TRISH PLUMB
(AK-M3480-K7185-81)
I'm a 40-something CD. Would enjoy corresponding with other CDs, particularly those in Alaska. All letters will be answered.

DAKE or DE LANA
(AK-P-M6523-K14576-84)
55, 6'2", 220, 45-37-45. TS on hormones one year, B cup. Pre-op TS, love it and staying there. Daily a woman. Semiretired. Have permanent makeup eye brows and eye liner. Looking for committed relationship with same or female or on phone. Poor at letters.

CANADA

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-82)
Mbr Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, & Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, married, family, living SE Ontario. Like theater, classical & other music, skiing, boating. Love to shop, dine & enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa & other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated.

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-82)
Mbr Xpressions. Been dressing since a teenager, now 45. Like the feel of stockings against shaved legs. Slowly getting the courage to go shopping in daylight in home town.

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-85)
Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. Interested in intelligent, sensitive, non-sexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted.

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-83)
Mbr Xpressions (Toronto), Be All '92, surgery by '98, newspaper printed biography, Human Rights activist, faced problems head on, gained respect with quiet pressure. Try it! Music, sketching, photography, travel, laughter, seek serious correspondence, long term friends, conversation better than copulation.

REBECCA ANN BENTLEY
(CAN-M5512-K12155-84)
6'3". Love dressing up in suits, high heels, stockings, makeup. Would like to hear from other CDs in the Kingston area. Still looking to go out in public and to parties. I like movies, dancing. Sometimes I go to Toronto and Ottawa to help bring my feminine self out.

GLENDA T.
(CAN-M4809-K9040-84)
Mid-40s, hetero CD, mbr Cornbury. Never been out, but perhaps . . . Interests include sports, travel, musical theatre. I'd like to meet/write supportive ladies and sisters in the Pacific northwest.

MONICA C. MIATELLO
(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-81)
MWM, professional. Striving for fulltime living with understanding SO. Likes: music, sports & making friends. Write if you have similar likes.

MICHELINE MONTREUIL
(CAN-P-M6067-K12255-83)
5'11", 45. Wish to meet and visit her sisters in Canada and USA, mainly during summer and Christmas time. Like to dress, to live and to shop all week as a woman. Seeking new friends to do social activities together. Please write me, I will answer

BARBARA H.
(CAN-P-M6401-K14639-82)
Bi-DWM, mid-60s, 5'10", well educated. Enjoy travel, reading (eclectic) and classical music. Closeted CD for past five years and like dressing at home. Desire to meet someone (in Alberta) to help in selecting clothes & makeup for a mature lady.

HUNGARY

ANDREA T.
(HUNGARY-M6425-K14778-83)
I am a TS journeying the hormones induced MtF transition and enjoying every minute. Looking for like-minded gals to write, share. I am free to visit or to invite. Let's share our sisterly adventure together.

MEXICO

GLADYS FERNANDEZ
(MEX-P-M6374-K3128-82)
Lifelong senior CD who passes well. Texas T and Fantasia Fair. Was FF '86 Ms. Best Dresser. Enjoy shopping, theatre, dining out and intelligent conversation. Seek correspondence with other TVs and open-minded, mature men.

AUSTRALIA

PETA WILSON
(AUSTRALIA-P-M2516-K3664-82)
Aussie TG: almost full-time. Love to correspond and swap pics. Interests: music, film, clothes. Writer/author by profession.

SWITZERLAND

CLAUDIA B.
(SWITZERLAND-P-M5334-K11843-81)
TS interested in meeting other TG sisters in USA/Europe. Love being feminine and ladylike. Often en femme in public. Like to correspond with other Transgender people.

BAHAMAS

VICKY S.
(BAHAMAS-P-M4639-K10237-83)
Have lived in Bahamas since age of 3 weeks. Married to supportive wife and have two supportive daughters aged 19 and 20. Have been looking for other TGs in Bahamas for 10 years. Wife is fearful of it coming out, but I live androgynously. Love to hear from anyone in or coming to the Bahamas.

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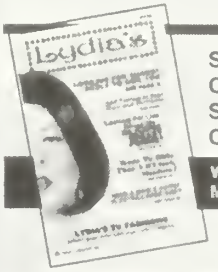

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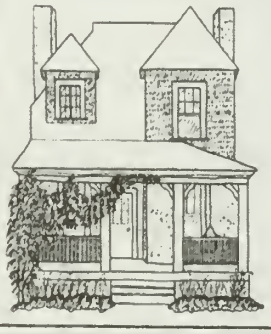

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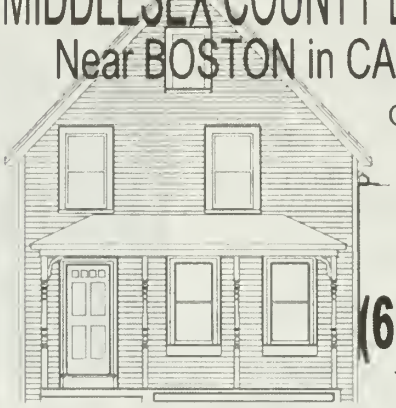

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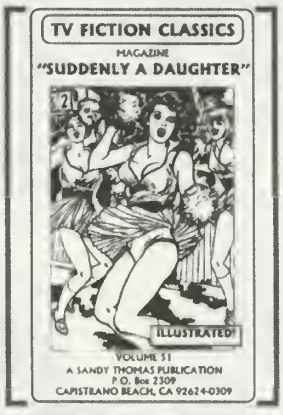

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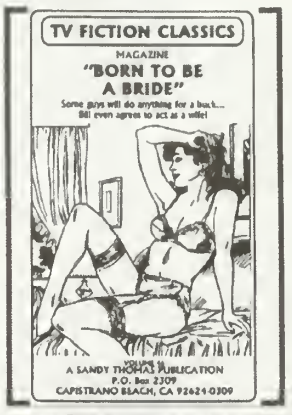

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The biggest challenge, Lady Bunny says is finding a large enough site for the festival. Over the last four to five years, Wigstock has grown bigger and bigger, forcing the organizing team to seek ever more commodious venues. In fact, the event had to be canceled in 1995 because they could not locate a suitable site.

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Part of the blame, Lady Bunny reports, falls on city bureaucrats. "The city has never been overly helpful but, we have usually come to some compromise. But, we couldn't that year. And, it's hard to get potential sponsors when your pitching this big event but have no place to hold it. It's difficult for someone sitting around in an office to realize how important Wigstock is to a lot of people."

With the disappointment of last year's cancellation behind her, Lady Bunny was thrilled with the turn-out at for the 1997 festival which was held, as always, on Labor Day at New York City's famed Pier 54, with 10,000 people crowded the 11,000 capacity pier. The reduced attendance was blamed on this year's first ever cover charge ($10), of which half went to benefit AIDS victims through Gay Men's Health Crisis.

When asked if she sees herself continuing to run Wigstock in the future, Lady Bunny quipped, "They'll have to roll me out in a wheelchair!"

What keeps her going? "I look at photos from the event that ran in a local magazine and there's a dog with a wig on, and a muscle man with a wig on, and a child with a wig on and I thought, what a ridiculous thing for me to have chosen to do with my life. But it's fun and it brings people together, so why not." Amen to that.

(Debranne Cingari operates a photography studio in Fairfield, CT.)

Life Would Be Much Easier If...CD's came out to their partners

Lesley Gordon

Panic!

Was that the car drawing up at the front door? It CAN'T be! She shouldn't be back for another couple of hours!

A quick glance out of the window. It is her! She's back!!

Panic stations! Off with the bra and filling; shove it into a drawer (remember to remove it later). Pull on trousers over the stockings and knickers. Slip on a pullover just as the key goes into the front door. A quick look in the mirror. Hell! A pair of socks to cover the stockings showing above the slippers. Everything's OK now. You'll pass. Fortunately you hadn't put on any cosmetics and had not got beyond the underwear.

Safe, but only just! God! Is it worth it?

"Hello, Darling," you greet her as she enters the house "Didn't expect you quite so soon" (What an understatement!) A quick peck of a kiss; a hope that she doesn't notice how breathless you are and gladness that she can't hear your heart pounding in your chest.

Many crossdressers have experienced some such heart-stopping scenario at some time or another. How many of you had not wished to Hell that there was no need for it, that you didn't have this need for secrecy, this guilty feeling? It's crossed your mind several times that

you really ought to tell her. Everything would be so much easier and you would no longer feel that in some way you were cheating on her. But it's so damned difficult. What do I tell her, and when? How do I start? How will she take it? She could just walk out on me and I can't bear the thought of that. She might tell everyone around. It would get back to the golf club, the... God! I would die of shame. I should have to go away. I would kill myself.

You can't explain even to yourself why you find dressing so attractive. Yet despite all this you still feel an urge to confide in your partner. This urge won't go away and, in fact, it increases as time goes by. You feel that you owe it to her.

What would you confide in your partner? Well, first and foremost, if she approved, or even accepted it, you would lose that awful fear of discovery; in addition, you would possibly be free to dress more often. This is a selfish motive, no doubt, but if you're honest with yourself, it is a strong one. You would avoid conflict and, even if it comes rather late, you would demonstrate your confidence and trust in her, and her in you. In short, it would make life much easier and you would be more comfortable in yourself.

When to tell and when to keep silent

It is important to have some knowledge beforehand of your partner's attitude toward matters sexual. What are her opinions on what she probably regards as 'kinky sex'? On homosexuality? On 'sex change' and related matters? This should not be difficult to find out, if you haven't already done so. If she has a closed mind to what she regards as 'perverts, filthy gays and unnatural practices,' and regards all such persons with loathing and disgust (and unfortunately there are such people), then any hope of acceptance is futile. Don't even make the attempt, it will bring only disaster. The good news is that while some people have closed minds on this topic, they are not the majority. Even so, when it concerns someone for whom there is real regard, the attitude may soften sufficiently for them to be prepared, at least, to listen.

Let us assume, however, that your partner does not have such an abysmal attitude. It is not difficult, with the abundant references in the media to sexual matters of all kinds, to approach the matter lightly. To initiate a discussion on something which you know she has read or seen. At this stage, it is not at all necessary or even desirable to begin with crossdressing. An oblique approach can be made by, for instance, discussing why some people dislike gays, or whether transsexuals should be truly accepted in their new gender, etc. In other words, pick a topic which will give you an insight into your partner's deeper thinking and attitude toward such matters.

Do not imagine that you are going to plumb the depths of her mind in one go. It could be that only after several such discussions will you feel safe in approaching the real subject of, "What do you feel about men wearing women's clothes?" or some such tentative feeler.

When you feel the time is ripe to discuss your own crossdressing, make sure that you are going to have an hour or so to sit and talk calmly without interruption by urgent business or family worries.

There are some who would recommend a "blast-off" approach. "I thought it was time I told you that I like to wear women's clothing." I cannot think that this is ever going to be appropriate. Equally, the shock tactic of suddenly appearing in front of her decked out in your finery is likely to be just as unrewarding. Even someone who may well be sympathetic to crossdressing in general is most unlikely to imagine that her partner indulges in this and the shock gives no time for mental adjustment. Remember, she will initially have great difficulty in visualizing in female attire the familiar masculine figure she has known for so long.

It is not difficult to find good photographs of CDs. When the right stage is reached, she could be shown some of these. If you have any photos of yourself, they can be introduced at a later stage, before she sees you dressed in person.

Remember that your partnership is based upon her assumption that you are a normal man (whatever that means!). Immediately when she learns of your feminine side, she will mostly likely want to be reassured that you are still male and plan to remain that way. It is most important that you assure her that you still care for her as a woman, that you still find her attractive, and that you still wish to continue to perform your sexual functions (the fact that you have probably been performing right up to that moment will not lessen the necessity to reassure her). Another important point to emphasize is that although you may be changing the gender of your clothing, you are not in any essential way changing the person you are, and do not hanker after a 'sex change.'

Your spouse will almost certainly share the common misconception that crossdressing is equated with homosexuality. She will need absolute and positive assurance that this is not the case. Of all the misconceptions and fears about crossdressing, this is the strongest in most people and needs to be killed stone dead as quickly as possible. She will also want to satisfy herself that there are no secret perversions lurking about.

The questions to be prepared for

Once you start a discussion you will be expected to answer a number of questions. One question that is sure to arise is, "Can you stop of your own volition?" It is easy to make promises without considering carefully whether you can keep them. It is absolutely imperative that you don't promise to stop, especially if you have a history of failed attempts before. To promise and break that promise is a certain recipe for later distrust and recrimination.

> "Your spouse will almost certainly share the common misconception that cross-dressing is equated with homosexuality"

This is the opportunity to say that for a variety of reasons you have tried to stop before and have actually gotten rid of your wardrobe of clothes on more than one occasion (if that is the case.) But, sooner or later, usually sooner, you started again. Thousands of case histories have shown that once the crossdressing urge exists it never dies. It may be set aside for periods, but it always remains latent only to return at some later date. You may wish to say that you will try and hope that you can keep it up, but that in the nature of things, you can offer no guarantees.

Another likely question is, "Can you be cured?" In this, as in all your discussions with a spouse, you have to be honest both with her and with yourself. You can explain that you are not looking for a cure, that you really don't want one (the reasons I will discuss later), and that although many have tried to be cured of this urge, there are no authenticated cases of a permanent cure by any of the many methods so far tried.

Suppose, however, your wife insists that, despite what you say, she would like you to consult a psychologist to see if perhaps, in your case, a cure or alleviation can be effected. Are you prepared to go through with that? It may be that if the result is negative,

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TG Toronto

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert

Toronto's nickname is T.O., which stands for Toronto, Ontario, site of the IFGE/Xpressions Crossing Borders Conference, March 25-29, 1988. But, as far as we're concerned, that nickname might as well be TG: Toronto is a wonderful town to be transgendered in, and we all count ourselves lucky to be here. We know that you'll have the time of your life, and we want to help that happen, so here are some tips on TG Toronto.

Toronto is a safe town, but what you do and where you go depends on your own comfort zone. Basically, you'll be well treated anywhere in the downtown core—not counting the usual odd teenage catcall we've all survived. But the very safest area, the one where no one will even look twice (or if they do it's because they want to pick you up) is:

CHURCH STREET AREA.

Church Street is one block east of Yonge St., very close to the heart of downtown. The area bounded on the north by Bloor St., and the south by Carlton St. (which becomes College west of Yonge) comprises the Gay/lesbian ghetto. The street is rife with bars, clubs, coffee houses, and restaurants, and is the one-day-a-year home to TO's Gay Pride Day. *The Mango*, north of Wellesley at # 580 Church St. is a special home of ours, just tell Alan you're with ***Xpressions***. Many of the clubs, like *The 501*, have drag shows late at night, and some nights anyone can entertain. You can go to *Trax* or dance at *El Convento Rico II*, or, a short cab ride away, go to *Pimblett's* at 263 Gerrard St. E. (another special place for many of us), where downstairs you'll find a lovely bar complete with fireplace and comfy old sofas. Other places popular with members include *Colby's, Jax Bar, Boots Warehouse, The Catacombs, The Stables, Woody's, The Barn*, and the *Hotel [illegible]*.

(Further off the [illegible] there are other areas that are also quite congenial and they have what Church Street lacks: ***Shopping!*** [Trouble with Gay areas is that there's [illegible] in the stores. Fine for my [illegible] ers, but hard on us MtFs.])

QUEEN STREET WEST.

Queen Street [illegible] from University Avenue all the [illegible] Bathurst [illegible] the key funky area in Toronto. The farther [illegible] from University, the more [illegible] become. The [illegible] there near Spadina Avenue in all its glory, is a relatively recent addition that many think ruined the tone of the street. On Queen West you'll find clothing shops full of the latest fashions, antique clothing, leatherwear, and one of a kind items you'll find nowhere else. The jewelry is great and the clothes are fun to look at. Queen Street West also has a plethora of fine and funky restaurants with haute cuisine and reasonable prices.

BLOOR-YORKVILLE-CUMBERLAND.

The area bounded on the south by Bloor Street, on the North by Hazelton Avenue, the west by Avenue Road, and the East by Yonge Street is Toronto's answer to Fifth Avenue and Rodeo Drive. Here you will find both famous and locally known boutiques, classy restaurants, inside malls, sidewalk cafes, shops on the street, cinemas, bookstores, and *Tiffany's*. Explore and you'll find second hand stores specializing in clothes worn by models, leather purses for US $25, and chi chi restaurants where you'll be a celebrity. Many of us have shopped there dressed, very happily, and been extremely well treated.

Many of us in Xpressions have shopped all over the downtown area. Often the shopper is dressed, sometimes not— don't let being *en drabb* stop you, you'll still be able to try on and choose your favorite selections in most stores—and in all this time I've never heard of a bad experience. Be considerate. Ask if there's someplace you can try that item on (*regardless of how you're dressed*), and you'll invariably be treated with respect and consideration. Flash that gold card and you'll be treated like the Queen you are! (Tourists from the USA are in for a real treat when they shop in TO. Why? Take every item you see, and subtract **40%!** That's right—that dress listed at a reasonable $80 will actually cost you only US $48! Not only that, if you spend more than $50 on goods and $200 on hotel, you can have all of your Federal GST tax refunded once you're home.)

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There will also be lots to do while you're in town. Toronto is famous as a theater town, and we're organizing some early bird events *on a first come first served basis.* On Tuesday evening the 24th of March, there will be a small block of tickets available for a performance of *The Phantom of the Opera*, and the following night, Wednesday, a larger block is available for the new musical, *Rent*, the first musical to actually include a TG character! Thursday night is reserved for a unique Toronto experience, *The Famous People Player's Dinner Theatre.* This renowned troupe of puppeteers, many of whom are challenged people, cook serve and perform in a dinner show that has brought acclaim from such great stars as Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Gene Hackman—The *FPP* cannot be seen anywhere but in TO, so don't miss it!

Toronto is yours to enjoy. It's a warm, wonderful, safe city—someone once described it as New York run by the Swiss. We know you can have a great time here because we do, all the time. So please, come to our country, come to our town, and be part of our Canadian TG family.

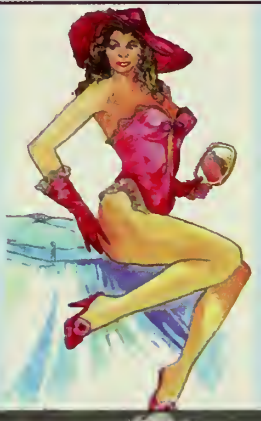
(IFGE's partner club for Crossing Borders, Xpressions, has been in existence for three years in its present incarnation. Really, though, the club is over 20 years old as it is built upon a federation with the Monarch Social Club that took place in 1995. The name 'Monarch' is still honored in the title of our quarterly magazine, The Monarch Reader. *The club has over 100 members, holds monthly dinners, monthly meetings, and hosts several important annual events. All of our members are looking forward to meeting you and helping you enjoy our city and our country.)*

Personalities and Performers in the News

TRANS-PEOPLE

HAIL TO QUEEN EDWARD! We all know that the forefathers of this country donned wigs, make-up and tights in honor of their British brethren, or possibly because it was just too hard a habit to break. In any case, one anglophile took his admiration for royalty and his love for a pretty dress a step further. New York and New Jersey Governor Edward Lord Cornbury, 1703-08, was said to have been so enamored of his British relative Queen Anne, that he posed for his official portrait in drag.

BARTENDER BLENDER. If there is to be a caped crusader for the TG entertainer, it would have to be New York City's very own Shequida. By day she is Wendi, the transsexual bartender, mixing potions at Club Indigo. But on Sunday nights at drag hot spot Lucky Cheng's, the sequined Goddess of song re-emerges as female impersonator Shequida. The former student of Julliard and La Guardia School (a.k.a the *Fame* school) thrills and stuns audiences with her five-octave vocal range, belting out everything from jazz to opera. RuPaul may be looking over her shoulder. If Ru isn't, she should be!



RUDY, RUDY, RUDY. Recently re-elected New York Mayor Rudolph (Rudy) Giuliani didn't perform in drag for just one number during a black-tie fund-raiser in the Big Apple – he strutted his stuff twice during the evening festivities. Parading as Marilyn Monroe, Giuliani's first appearance was in a dance routine with *Victor/Victoria's* Julie Andrews. Later in the show, he did his own live version of Monroe's illustrious "Happy Birthday" woo to President John F. Kennedy. The annual, dinner/fund-raiser is held by New York City journalists and has a constant theme of satirizing politics and politicians. Obviously, New York City voters weren't appalled by their Mayor's antics, but he may owe Ms. Marilyn an apology. Ballsy, he is. Gorgeous, he ain't.

NO LONGER A DRAG. Looks like drag is no longer...a drag! Now it's a pinball machine and a set of paperdolls. There's a new pinball machine coming to your local video game parlor and/or pub. Instead of aliens or buxom genetic babes, this one features famous drag queens from RuPaul to Queen Bunny. This won't be the first time whistles have gone off, lights have flashed and bells have rung for DQs, and we're sure it won't be the last. DQs have long had a reputation as real "cut-ups" and now they're gaining one as cut-outs, too. Making the rounds of the local discount booksellers is a paperdoll book featuring drag queens, and the sexy under and outer garments to match. The ideal birthday or Xmas gift for any MtF (except our own Jean Marie, who says she is holding out for the first drag king paperdoll book–or even a nude FtM calendar).

PRINCE FOR A DAY. Kudos to TG community pioneer, Virginia Prince, who just celebrated her 75th birthday. The gala bash, hosted by Doctor Docter (Richard Docter, Ph.D.), featured dozens of West Coast TG luminaries. The event was held one week after another notable event, the annual convention of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, where our gal Virginia was recipient of the SSSS's 1996 Public Service award, for her five decades of activism in behalf of the TG community. Congratulations to the only living queen who doesn't get browned-off when people say she's "a real Prince."

DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS

Listings in the Directory of Transgender Organizations are carried as a public service and are free to all not-for-profit groups serving the transgender community. Listings are as current and accurate as possible. If you know of a qualifying group or organization we are not listing, or if you are aware that one has closed, please write: Directory Editor c/o Transgender Tapestry, P.O. Box 229, Waltham, MA 02254-0229. IFGE is not responsible for any inconvenience or loss due to any inaccuracy in these listings. Listing does not imply endorsement by or affiliation with IFGE.

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INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL

TG-friendly - **ABLIED QUEER**: 1517 B. Missouri, Houston TX 77006. Email: james_e@iah.com.

FTM - **AMERICAN BOYZ**: Gary (410)392-3640. E-mail: FTM-admin@tantalus.clark.net.

ALL - **AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:** AEGIS, PO Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. (770)939-0244 helpline, FAX (770)939-1770 E-mail: <aegis@mindspring.com>. Educational, mental health services and support group.

FTM - **FEMALE-TO-MALE INTERNATIONAL:** 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618. Education, outreach.

ALL - **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY(ICTLEP):** PO Drawer 1010, Cooperstown NY 13326. ATTN: Sharon Stuart, Corresponding Secretary. (607) 547-4118. Email: ictlephdq@aol.com. AOL Keyword: ICTLEP. Web site: www.abmall.com/ictlep. Information source on TG legal and policy issues.

ALL - **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:** IFGE, Box 229, Waltham MA 02254-0229. (617)899-2212 FAX (617)899-5703. E-mail: ifge@world.std.com. Education, outreach, peer counseling.

ALL - **DEAF/HARD OF HEARING/SI - JESS:** (202)547-9524 (tdd only). E-mail: 11mtanzar@gallua.gallaudet.edu.

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE: 2320 17th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009-2702. (202)332-6483 extension 3301, FAX (202)332-0207, TTY (202)332-6219. It is impossible to list all the gay and lesbian support groups. Write NGLTF for a referral to someone near you.

ALL - **OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:** OIGS, 126 Western Ave, Suite 246, Augusta ME 04330. Ariadne Kane, MEd, Director (207)621-0858. Programs for professionals.

ALL - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** 987 Old Eagle School Rd., #719, Wayne PA 19087. (610)975-9119 (24 hrs). Email: angela@ren.org. Educational outreach and support group.

CD/TV - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI-ESS):** PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. Email: TRISINFO@AOL.COM Educational outreach and support group for heterosexual crossdressers. Write for referral to local chapter.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: c/o Roni Lynne Soubrette, 104 Quineveree Ct., Castle Rock WA 09611. Support group.

T.O.P.S. (Transgender Officers Protect & Serve): c/o Tony Barreto-Neto Exec. Dir., 3210 Tom Mathews Rd., Lakeland FL 33809. Phone 1-800-761-TOPS or (813)752-9226. E-mail: Tbhawk@aol.com. Social, employment, legal support.

ALABAMA

*TS - **MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:** Montgomery Institute, PO Box 3361, Montgomery AL 35109. Jerry or Lynn Montgomery. (205)272 -2726. Mental health services/support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, PO Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Michelle Steadman, (205)880-9660. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA SOUTH:** SERGA, PO Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Lisa Jackson. Support group.

ALASKA

CD/TS/SO/MTF/FTM - **ALASKAN T-PEOPLE:** PO Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349. Support group.

TRI-S - **ALPHA KAPPA:** PO Box 5392, Ft. Richardson, AK 99505-0392. Support group.

ARIZONA

CD/TS - **A ROSE:** PO Box 1738, Tempe AZ 85280-1738. (602) 488-0959 Support group.

*CD/TS/TG- **GENDER OUTLAWS:** PO Box 55863, Phoenix AZ 85078. (602) 274-9599. Hotline, professional referrals.

TRI-ESS - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER:** PO Box 1738, Tempe AZ 85280-1738. (602) 488-0959 WWW: http://users.aol.com/jessicaphx/alpha_za.htm. Support group.

***SORORITY**: support group for family, friends. (602)293-3456.

***WINGSPAN:** 422 North 4th Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705. Support group.

TRI-ESS - **TAU UPSILON:** 8802 E. Broadway Blvd. #145, Tucson AZ 85710. Phone: (520)296-3472.

*CD/TS/TG - **EVOLVER:** 416 E. 22nd St., Tucson AZ 85713. (520) 884-0541. Support group

ARKANSAS

*CD/TS/TG/SO - **DANIELLE'S GETAWAY:** c/o Danielle Storm, PO Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061. Support group.

CD - **AR CD GROUP:** 2901 Massard Rd., Ft. Smith AR 72903-5212. Support group.

***METRO'ON OF CATALINA:** Focuses on study of the spiritual heritage of the Gallae the transgendered priestesses of Cybele and Attis. Email: gallae@azstarnet.com.

FTM - **ARKANSAS BOYZ:** AR Contact: Garin, (501) 443-3184; Email: Kwiggin@aol.com

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TRI-ESS - **ALPHA:** PO Box 411352, c/o Kathy Helms, Eagle Rock Station, Los Angeles CA 90041. Phone: (818)352-9448. Support group.

CD/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** PO Box 10873, Santa Ana CA 92711-0873. Send SASE for details. Private membership club.

*CD/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry, #608, Long Beach CA 90806. Parties and socials.

CD/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB:** CHIC, PO Box 8487, Long Beach CA 90808. (818) 243-2442. Support group. Web site: http://www.transgender.or/tg/chic

*CD/TS - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS:** PO Box 816 Lakewood CA 90714. (310) 869-4241. Outreach coordination.

*CD - **CD SOCIAL GROUP:** PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

*SO - **PATHFINDERS:** PO Box 2973, Corona CA 91718-2973. Support group for genetic women involved with the gender community.

*IS - **AIS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Sherri Groveman, 4203 Genessee Ave., #103-436, San Diego CA 92117-4950. Email: <aissg@aol.com>.

*CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:** PO Box 3822 Riverside CA 925519-3822. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **PSGV TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT:** 401 South Main Street, Ste. 104, Pomona CA 91765. (909)620-8987. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER:** PO Box 19008, San Diego CA 92159. (619)685-3696. E-mail: E-mail: neutrlcrnr@aol.com. Support group.

*TG - **TRANS ACTION:** PO Box 632954, San Diego CA 92163-2954. Support/advocacy group.

SO - **LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS:** (714)786-6891. Support group.

*CD/TS - **PEOPLE EXPRESSING ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES:** PEAL, Gay and Lesbian Center, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd. #A, Garden Grove CA 92832. (714)534-0862, live Wed. 8:00-9:30. Monthly support group.

TRI-S - **TRI-CHI - TRI ESS:** PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. Phone: (209)688-9246. Support group.

TRI-S - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF:** c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. (209)688-9246. Support group.

CD/TS - **ANDROGYNY:** Santa Monica, CA. Alan Swink, (213)962-9175. Support group.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

*FTM TS/TG - **TRANSMALE TASKFORCE**: 1259 El Camino Real, #151, Menlo Park CA 94025. (415) 780-9349. FTM support.

*CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO:** 584 Castro, PO Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588. (415)863-6717. Political action group.

*FTM TS - **FPSG:** 584 Castro, PO Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990. Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY.

CD/TS/SO - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland, CA94610-2029. Maintains database of TG resources for SF Bay area.

LAVENDER LINE: Pacific Center (510)841-6224. An information/resource phone line for the GLBT community covering the East Bay, San Francisco area.

CD/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, PO Box 426486 San Francisco CA 94142-6486. (415) 564-3246 hotline, BBS (415) 564-4903, Telzey (510)849-4112. Support group.

SO - **SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT:** SOS, attn: Ginny Knuth, 2478 28th Ave., San Francisco CA 94116-2305. (415)644-1499. E-mail: ginny@sirius.com. Support group.

.CD/TS/SO - **DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS:** DVG, PO Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885. (510)937-8432. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 1250 Pine St., Ste. 301 Walnut Creek CA 94533. (510)939-7711. Support group.

FTM TS - **FTM INTERNATIONAL**: 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618. Support group for FTM TSs.

CD/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH**: 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley CA 94705. (510)548-8283. I & R (510)841-6224. E-mail: paccent@pacbell.net. Web site: www.pacificenter.org. Support group.

CD/TS - **SWAN'S INNER SORORITY:** PO Box 1423, San Jose CA 95109. 1-800-610-SWAN. (408)297-1423, FAX (408)993-8173. E-mail: sisht02@aol.com. Support group.

*GAY/LES/TG - **THE BILLY DEFRANK CENTER:** 175 Stockton Avenue, San Jose CA 95126. Support group.

*CD - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS:** c/o Joan Sheldon, PO Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408)984-4044 wcrmline. Support group.

*CD/TS - **REDWOOD EMPIRE SOCIAL GROUP:** PO BOX 1531, Sonoma CA 95476. (707)938-8029. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821. (916)482-7742. Support group.

TS - **LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER:** c/o Marsha, 919 - 20th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Phone (916)729-8935 or (916)442-0185. Support and educational outreach.

TRI-S - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI-ESS SIERRA SILVER BELLES:** SSB, PO Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151. Support group.

COLORADO

*SO -**TEENAGE KIDS OF TS:** TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S. Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017. Support group.

*CD/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC, 1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215. (303)202-6466. Educational outreach.

*FTM - **FTM SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets third Wednesday at 7.00 pm. Call John (303)698-2385.

*TRI-S - **DELTA DENVER:** PO Box 11504, Denver CO 80211. Email: ladyblovly@aol.com. Support group.

*CD/TS - **SUPPORT GROUP OF PUEBLO:** PO Box 1918, Pueblo CO 81002. (719)543-6460. Support group.

CONNECTICUT

CD/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, PO Box 162, Haddam, CT 06438. (860)657-4344. E-mail: ctsupport@geocities.com. Support group.

*TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY)CLUB:** PO Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **P I GROUP:** PO Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245. Discreet photo, video, scanning and desktop publishing services.

CD - **connecticuTView:** c/o Denise Mason,PO Box 2281, Devon CT 06460. Email: Mason D@aol.com. Newsletter and directory.

DELAWARE

*CD/TS- **TRANSSOCIETY SISTERS OF DELAWARE:** c/o Linda Marie, Ivy Hall, #6, Newark DE 19711. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER:** PO Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808. (302)376-1990. Support group.

FTM - **DELAWARE BOYZ**: Steve 302-856-7179 (Delaware)

FLORIDA

*CD/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:** GING, Gail Driaper, (904)332-8178. Referrals.

CD/TS/TG - **PANTRA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

TRI-ESS - **TAU LAMBDA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

TRI-ESS - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS:** PO Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261. (407)382-8389. Email: DeniseSFL@aol.com. Website: http://www.horizon-usa.com/misc/fem.htm. Support group.

*CD/TS - **BUTTERFLIES OF THE WORLD:** For information contact April-Lynne Fowler, PO Box 2782, Orlando Fl 32802-2782. (407)841-3125. Support group.

FTM - **FLORIDA BOYZ**: David, Email: FTMOrlando@aol.com (Orlando, FL)

CD/TS - **FANTASIA:** 714 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL 32803-4639. Phone: (407)425-4527. E-mail: GLCS@flamingopark.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SERENITY:** PO Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022. (954)436-9477. E-mail: susan@aol.com. Support group.

TRI-ESS - **GAMMA CHI BETA:** 12587 New Brittany Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33907.

*CD/TS/SO - **ANIMAS:** PO Box 420309 Miami FL 33242. Support group.

***GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER:** 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428. (800)328-2633.

CD/TS/SO - **STARBURST:** PO Box 17411, Clearwater FL 34622-0411. (813)523-8760. Support group.

*CD/TS - **TAMPA SISTERS:** TGIF, PO Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819. (813)935-6848, Kimberly Westwood. Please leave contact information. Support group.

*TS - **ENCHANTE:** A.C.P., 1180 Cleveland St., Clearwater FL 34615. Phone:(813)845-0284, Jackie. Support group.

GEORGIA

TRI-S - **SIGMA EPSILON:** PO Box 272, Rosewell GA 30077-0272. (770)552-4415.E-mail & Web site: http://pages.prodigy.com/kerrico/sigep.htm. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AGE**: PO Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357. (404) 223-5351. E-mail: ageinfo@aol.com. Web site: www.transgender.org/tg/age. Support group.

FTM - **GEORGIA BOYZ**: Star, Email: star@ellijay.com

HAWAII

***HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH:** PO Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530. (808)923-4270. Email: tghawaii@poi.net. Support group.

GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER: YWCA 47-388, HUI IWA St. #14-304, Kaneohe HI 96744-4416.

ILLINOIS

***PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** PFTC, c/o Ellie Altman, Northbrook IL 60062. (847)564-9496, e-mail: EllieAlt@aol.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHAPTER:** PO Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040. (630)262-8707. Email: chitriess@aol.com. Web site: http://users.aol.com/chitriess/trisss/chimain.htm. Support group.

*TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY:** PO Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder, (312)486-3125, (312)252-7024, Sheila L. Support group.

*TG - **OUTPOST TRANSGENDER GROUP:** 123 W. Church, Champaign IL 61825. Elizabeth (217)359-5113. Email: bridgett@prairienet.org. Support group.

FTM - **ILLINOIS BOYZ**: (Champagne, Ill).: Jaqui: 618-235-5908; Email: jaquitv@aol.com

*SO - **TRANSGENDER SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:** Star (217)328-4469.. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY:** CGS, PO Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (708)863-7714. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION:** CIGA, PO Box 1291, Galesburg, IL 61401. (309)343-5192, Jaque Rounds. Support group.

INDIANA

*CD/TS/FTM/MTF/SO - **IGS:** Attn: Linda BB, PO Box 425, Carmel IN 46032. (317)781-0834, Angela. Email: kaylin@iquest.net Support group.

TONI - PO Box 2372, Portage IN 46268. Phone (219)929-8533. Email: jenfermaresl@juno.com.

FTM - **INDIANA BOYZ:** (Northern Indiana). Glen: Email: Glen22213@aol.com

CD/TS/SO/FTM/MTF - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER SUPPORT (aka: Shrinking Violets):** PO Box 425, Carnel, IN 46032. (317)781-0834. Support group.

*TG - **TRANSGENDER OUTREACH OF NORTHERN INDIANA** Attn: Linda BB, PO Box 425, Carmel IN 46032. Phone: (317)781-0834, Angela. Email: kaylin@iquest.net Support group.

CD/TS/TV/SO/FTM/MTF - **IXE:** PO Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220. Phone: (317)971-6976. Web site: http://members.aol.com/ixe/fish/ixe.html. Email: IXE@aol.com. Support group.

IOWA

*CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680. (402)398-1255, E-mail: sgibbons@synergy.net. Support group.

TRI-S - **IOWA ARTISTRY:** Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406. E-mail: wander5980@aol.com. Support group.

*TS - **PHOENIX:** E-mail: ASuper@AOL.com. Support group.

KANSAS

CD/TS/SO - **CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS:** CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204. (913)791-3847. E-mail: jbfts@aol.com. Support group.

*CD/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** PO Box 16831, Wichita KS 67216-0831. Support group.

KENTUCKY

*CD/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY:** LGS, PO Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458. (502)368-9918, Lori, (502)589-9556, Patricia. Support group.

FTM - **KENTUCKY BOYZ**: Lee, 502-549-5619; Email: alphavamp@aol.com (Louisville, KY)

CD/TS/SO - **THE BLUEGRASS BELLES:** c/o Angela, PO Box 20173, Louisville KY40250. (502)446-2175, digital pager, please enter "55" after your telephone number. Email: angelaky@hotmail.com, efduhr@ukcc.uky.edu, dwils00@ukcc.uky.edu, or acasbeer@jcc-uky.campus.mci.net. Support group.

LOUISIANA

CD/TS/SO - GULF GENDER ALLIANCE: PO Box 56836, New Orleans LA 70156-6836. (504) 833-3046. E-mail: alycm@concentric.netTIAC@juno.net. Support group.

MAINE

ALL - **TRANSUPPORT:** Box 17622, Portland ME 04112. (207) 945-3092. Support group.

ALL - **MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE:** c/o Jean Vermette, PO Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894. (207)945-3092. Education, referrals, outreach.

FTM - **MAINE BOYZ:** PJ, pjmears@megalink.net (Maine)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FTM - **DC BOYZ:** Adam: 301-585-3127; Email: Romandede@aol.com (Metro DC)

MARYLAND

*CD/TS/CD - **THE CLUB VICTORIA:** Box 682, Bowie MD 20718. (301) 805-2255. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TRANQUILITY (Renaissance affiliate):** c/o GLCC, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201. Support group.

BALTIMORE BOYZ: Mary (410)837-8888, Gary (410)392-3640.

***COUPLES' GROUP**: Maureen Carlson or Tambrey Zang (301)977-2403.

CD/TS/SO - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o H. Garfinkle, PO Box 1994, Silver Spring, MD 20915. (301)649-3960. Support group. Meets in DC Metro area.

TG/SO - **TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF BALTIMORE:** c/o GLCCB (Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore), 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201. Phone (410)837-5445 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. M-F or (410)837-8888 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. evenings. Peer and family support group. Monthly meetings.

MASSACHUSETTS

CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:** P.O. Box 564 Hadley, MA 01035-0564. (413)-586-5004. E-mail: sunshineclb@aol,com. Support group.

CD/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK**: PO Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267. Support group.

ALL - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.:** TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (781)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET). Web site: www.TCNE.org. Support group.

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o TCNE, Inc., PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET). Support group.

*CD/TS - **REFLECTIONS:** PO Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026. (617)323-6528. Support group and other services.

*TS/TG - **GENDER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TSs (GISST):** (617)227-6216. Support group for TS/TGs with addiction issues. Meets in Boston.

FTM - **ENTERPRISE:** PO Box 229, Waltham MA 022254 (617)441-5165. FTM support group.

FTM - **THE OFFICERS' CLUB:** 14 Felton St. Waltham MA 02154. (781) 899-2212. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **AXA:** PO Box 38-0547, Cambridge MA 02238. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** PO Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653. Support group.

CD/TS-FTM- **BOSTON BOYZ:** P.O. Box 229, Waltham, MA 02254-0229. (781) 899-2212. Email: F:rankie@home.welcomehome.org. Support Group

CD/TS/SO/FTM/MTF - **WAYLAND HOUSE:** PO Box 3128, Shawsheen, MA 01810-0803. (508)358-5919. Social group.

TS - **MERISSA'S DISCUSSION GROUP:** PO Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778. (508)358-5919. Support group. All interested persons welcome.

CD/TS/MTF/FTM - **TRANS-CHAT:** Write: Trans-Chat, PO Box 491, Auburn, MA 01501. Support Group in Worcester.

MICHIGAN

***CROSSROADS:** PO Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Messages: (313)537-3267. Support group.

*CD/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** NGDO, PO Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202. Justina Williams, President, (313)842-5258. Education and support.

TRI-S - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA DETROIT:** c/o Tri-Ess, 8880 Bellaire B2, Suite 104, Houston TX 77036. (temporary). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:** PO Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501. Web site: www.iserv.net/~ime. Support group.

FTM - **MICHIGAN BOYZ**: (Kalamazoo, MI). Jonathan, 616 345 9070; Email: tushu@complink.net

MINNESOTA

*CD/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117. (612)220-9072 (voice-mail). Support group.

GENDER EDUCATION CENTER: GEC, PO Box 1861, Minneapolis MN 55311. Debra Davis, Director. (612)424-5445, FAX (612)424-8595. Educational outreach.
TRI-S - **BETA GAMMA:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408. (612) 870-8536. Email: triessbg@tri-esss.com, Web site: http://www.tri-ess.com. Support group.

DISTRICT 202: 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408. (612)871-5559. Fax (612)871-1445. Safe place for GLBT youth.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, PO Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414. (612)229-3613. Support group.

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625-1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Educational outreach.

MISSISSIPPI

*CD/TS - **AURORA:** c/o Kim Brown, PO Box 1306, Florence MS 39073. (601)845-1328. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA CHI MISSISSIPPI:** PO Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253. Lee Frances, Secretary, (601)982-7678 (24 hrs). Support group.

MISSOURI

*CD/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** StLGF, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. (314) 367-4128. StLGF@aol.com. Support group.

*CD/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** MAGGIE, c/o St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Coalition.

*TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Stacey K. Connors, 1101 S. Liberty Drive, Liberty MO 64068. (816)792-0304. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA MU:** PO Box 2502#298, Springfield Mo 65801. Phone: (417)831-3433. Email: LSolomon@mail.orion.org.

NEBRASKA

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 3112, Omaha NE 68103. (402) 398-1255. E-mail: sgibbons@synergy.net. Support group.

NEVADA

*TRI-S - **TAU UPSILON:** 8802 E. Broodway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710. (502) 296-3472. Support group.

TRI-S -**THETA UPSILON GAMMA:** PO Box 42401, Las Vegas NV 89116. (702) 387-3891. Email: sage@intermind.net. Web site: http://www.intermind.net/theta/theta.html. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TURNABOUTS OF LAS VEGAS** PO Box 927, Las Vegas NV 89125. (702) 222-7814. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP:** Leave a message for Marty, (702)594-7884. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **SILVER ROSE GENDER ASSOCIATION:** c/o Lynda Cheney, PO Box 1334, Carson City NV 89702. Email: lyndoch@ool.com. Support group.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

WRITERS ETC.: c/o Abby M. Greene. PO Box 6211, West Franklin NH 03235. (603) 934-3379. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH** PO Box 421, Peterboroough NH 03458. (603)924-8828. Email: gtnorth@top.monad.net. Web site: http://monod.net/~gtnorth/index.htm. Support group.

G/L/Bi./T/Q YOUTH - **SEACOAST OUTRIGHT:** PO Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03802. Phone: (603)431-1013. Resource, referral, support for those 21 and younger; referral only for those over 21.

NEW JERSEY

TRI-S - **SIGMA NU RHO:** SNR, 1092 St. Georges Ave., Suite 234, Rahway NJ 07065-2664. Phone: (908)826-5287. 24-hour hot-line (800)480-3152, in near states. E-mail: corolannsnr@juno.com. Support group.

*CD/TS - **JUMPSTART CABLE:** PO Box 622, Paramus NJ 07653. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI DELTA MU:** PO Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001. (800)484-7593(code4985). Support group. Internet: cdm@corroll.com

CD/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH/OCEAN TRANS GENDER:** MOTG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. (732)219-9094. Email: vikkimmotg@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSIT:** (908)526-2369 or Candice 973-497-7179 Support group Sunday 1:00 Please Call ahead. FTM/MTF Bridgewater

CD/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, PO Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960. (201)663-0772. Support group.

CD/TS - **NJSUPPORT:** c/o T. Risley, 301 F Saunders Ave., Bellmawr, NJ 08031. (609)933-2233. Meetings 1st Saturday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing. Renaissance affiliate.

NEW MEXICO

TRI-S - **PHI FIESTA!:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109. Phone: (505)299-2533. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Stephonie, 2449 Algodones N.E., Albuquerque NM 87112. Support group.

TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY GROUP: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque NM. Phone (505)260-1727. Email: egypt@unm.edu. Supportive, educational and social space for ALL transgendered identities. Meets every Monday night.

NEW YORK

*CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR):** (212)979-8547. Political action group.

CD/TS/SO - **IMPERIAL QUEENS & KINGS OF GREATER NEW YORK:** 80 Eighth Avenue, Suite 301, New York NY 10011. (212)229-1968 days, (212)627-1969 evenings. Open social group.

FTM- **NEW YORK BOYZ:** Sam, Emoil: Email: srw18@columbia.edu (NYC)

*TS - **GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT:** Lesbion and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011. (212)620-7310. Support group.

*CD/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:** 561 Hudson St, Box 45, New York NY 10014. (201)794-1665 ext. 332. Support group.

BI-GENDER RAP GROUP: c/o Lynda Fronk, 330 W. 45th St. Apt. 3H, New York, NY 10036. Meets 2nd Monday each month, 6-8 pm in lower Manhattan. Contact: Lynda Frank, (212)765-3561.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSSDRESSERS INTL:** 404 W. 40th St., #2, New York NY 10018. (212)570-7389. or (610) 759-1761. E-mail: cdinyc@aol.com. Support group.

*TS/FTM/MTF - **MGN/STAR:** 214 16th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215. (718)965-2911. Email: directlink@mindspring.com. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, PO Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. (201)794-1665, ext 2021. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNERS:** PO Box 456, Centereach NY 11720. (516)732-5115. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:** LIFE, PO Box 1311, Woter Mill NY 11976-1311. (516)283-1333. Email: joed2viola@aol.com. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB:** TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604. (518)436-4513 live Thurs. 7-9 p.m. or leave a message and instructions for calling back. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO Box 1611, South Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE:** EON, PO Box 3586, Syracuse NY 13220. (315)423-4099. Support group.

TRI-S - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA :** PO Box 97, Ilion NY 13357. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK:** PO Box 6164, Watertown NY 13601. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TG SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NY:** 26646 Smith Road, Dexter NY 13634. (315)649-5534. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** PO. Box 1701, Amherst NY 14226-1701. (716)643-2626. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** PO Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692. (716)251-2132. Support group.

ALL - **L.I.T.E (LONG ISLAND TRANSGENDERED EXPRESSIONS):** PO Box 3015, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-0471. Non-profit, social support group. Holds two monthly meetings. Interview required. Pleose call day or night. Phone (516)471-6037 after 7 p.m. or leove message.

TS - **METAMORPHOSIS:** PO Box 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island City, NY 11106-0260. (718)728-4615. Support group.

NORTH CAROLINA

*CD/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o Stephanie Dyla, PO Box 2265, Jamestown NC 28282-2264. (910)454-1493. Support group. http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/8607/

***A CIRCLE OF CHILDREN:** Rt 5, PO Box 564, Zebulon NC 27579. Chris Allen, (919)269-8698. Support group.

*CD/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145. (704)642 1914. Support group.

FTM - **NORTH CAROLINA BOYZ:** Terry: 919-639-6158; Email: TLCRD96@aol.com

CD/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANS-SENSUAL ALLIANCE:** PO Box 35378, Fayetteville, NC 28303-0378. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **AGO:** 1235-E East Blvd., Charlotte NC 28203. Alternative Gender-Oriented is group's full nome.

TRI-S - **KAPPA BETA:** c/o Corresponding Secy, PO Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101. (704)565-5034. E-mail:dajones@infoave.net. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHI RHO-TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, PO Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, PO Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814. (704)253-9882. E-mail: jessicaash@aol,com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRIANGLE GENDER SOCIETY (TGS):** c/o David & Helen Rogers, 5425 Turkey Farm Rd., Durham, NC 27705. Phone (919)968-8070. Support group.

NORTH DAKOTA

CD/TS/TV - **TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF NORTH DAKOTA:** c/o Debbie Ann Somero, PO Box 644, Wahpeton, ND 58074-0644. Phone (701)642-1427. Support group.

OHIO

*CD/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** PO Box 287, Columbus OH 43068-0287. (614)231-1368. Email: cc@stargatge.com. Support group.

***GLASS CITY SISTERS:** PO Box 8532, Toledo OH 43623. Email: glassister@al.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **ALPHA OMEGA:** Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053. (216)556-0067. Support group.

*CD - **NORTH COAST PARADISE CLUB:** PO Box 29564, Cleveland OH 44129. Email: ParadiseCL@aol.com. Support group estoblished in 1977.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** PO Box 1692, Cincinnati OH 45201. (606)581-3711, E-mail: wgbn68d@prodigy.com. Support group.

OKLAHOMA

*CD/TS - **SOONER DIVERSITY:** PO Box 575, Norman OK 73070. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA BETA:** PO Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123. Support group.

*CD/TS - **CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** COTA PO Box 60354, Oklahoma City OK 73146. Support group.

*CD/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI c/o Ms Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. (918)582-6643/835-5334. Support group.

*CD/TS - **DESIRE:** c/o Ms. Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. Support group.

OREGON

*TS/TG/TV - **THE TRANS GROUP:** c/o Phoenix Rising Foundation, 620 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710, Portland OR 97204. Phone: (503)223-8299. Support group.

*TS- **TRANSSEXUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Phoenix Rising Foundation, 620 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710, Portland OR 97204. Phone: (503)223-8299. Support group.

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, PO Box 4928, Portland OR 97208. (503)646-2802. E-mail: nwga@teleport.com. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT:** PO Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913. (503)774-8463. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:** PO Box 3312, Salem OR 97302. Support group.

TS - **SALMACIS SOCIETY/VERSITILE WOMEN:** PO Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. (541)688-4282. Service and information.

*TG - **INTERMOUNTAIN TRANSGENDER OUTREACH:** 1524 Monroe Avenue, La Grande OR 97850. (541)962-3466. Email: keol@eosc.osshe.edu. Support group.

TRI-S - **RHO GAMMA/ROGUE VALLEY GIRLS:** PO Box 5551, Grants Pass OR 97527.

PENNSYLVANIA

*TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** TSG, 6020 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh PA 15206. (412)661-7030. Support group.

FTM - **PITBOYZ:** Dan & Michelle. E-mail: windyl@aabe.com.

CD/TS - **TRANSPITT:** PO Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230. (412)224-6015. Support group.

CD - **TRAVELERS EXPRESS:** PO Box 150, Falls Creek PA 15840. (814)375-7651. Central PA region. Self expression in 100% non closeted environment. Passing not an issue, presentability essential. Leave message.

*FAMILY - **TRANSFAMILY:** c/o Deni Scott, 962 Rockdale Road, Butler PA 16001. (412)758-3578 (Janet). Email: dscott@pgh.net. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** ESCC, 1903 West 8th Street, Suite 261 , Erie PA 16505. Email: eriesister@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, PO Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717)780-1578. Email: lsv@ezonline.com. Web site: http://www.ezonline.com/lsv. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LEHIGH VALLEY/POCONO AREA:** Renaissance LV, PO Box 3624, Allentown PA 18106. Phone: (610)821-2955. Support group.

FTM - **LANCASTER BOYZ:** Tom (717)892-4999. E-mail: malesic@prolog.net. (Philadelphia area.)

*CD/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, PO Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **NE PA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** Lehigh Valley. (610)821-2955. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - EDUCATION ASSOC. INC.:** Renaissance GPC, 987 Old Eagle School Road, Suite 719, Wayne PA 19087. (610)975-9119. E-mail: bensalem@bbs.cpcn.com. Web site: http://www.ren.org. Support group.

*TS - **PHILA. TS SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103. (215)567-7879. Support group.

*TS - **POSITIVE CHANGE:** c/o Pequin Place, 201 S Camac St., Philadelphia PA 19107. Joanna Sands (215)732-0603. Support group.

FTM - **PHILLY BOYZ:** Steve (215)546-6444. E-mail: shock@asc.upenn.edu. (Philadelphia area.)

***UJIMA:** Peer counseling, safer sex demos, and info materials for TG teens. Meets Wed. nights at 6:30 at 1207 Chestnut Street, 4th floor in Philadelphia.

TS/TG/CD - **GEMINI CLUB:** PO Box 281, Franklin, PA 16323. (814)432-7792. Email: gemini@usachoice.net. Support group.

CD/TS/SO/MTF/FTM - **TransYouth Services, UNITY INC.:** 1207 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. (215)851-1958 or (215)851-1912. Support group, community services and "Butch Brothers" Philadelphian FTM support.

RHODE ISLAND

CD/TS/SO/FTM/MTF - **MORF?:** PO Box 623, Portsmouth, RI 02871-0623. Gwen Spencer, Barbie Fournier,or Tricia -Lynn Ross (401)683-6836. Support group.

TENNESSEE

TRI-S - **ALPHA PI OMEGA:** c/o Laury W. PO Box 871, Brentwood TN 37204-0871. Email: laurywl@mindspring.com. Web site: http://members.aol.com/apotris/aponash.htm. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** PO Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209-2335. (615)664-6883 voice mail. E-mail: jlove1Qix.nstcom.com. Homepage: http://www.3Dcom.com/tg/tvals/. Support group.

FTM - Tennessee Boyz: (Nashville, TN).: Dustin, 615-431-9540; Email: CyberBum7@aol.com

*TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite 4, Memphis TN 38104-2402. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **MEMPHIS TG ALLIANCE:** PO Box 11052, Memphis TN 38111-0052. Support group.

TEXAS

CD/TS/SO - **METROPLEX CD CLUB:** PO Box 141924, Irving TX 75014. (972)264-7103. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU EPSILON TAU:** PO Box 14096, Arlington TX 76094. (214)490-5738. Email: BobbieR648. Support group.

*CD/TS - **HELP ME...ACCCEPT ME OF DALLAS:** 6753 Camp Bowie Blvd., #177, Fort Worth TX 76116. Support group.

CD - **METROPLEX CD CLUB:** Bldg 106, Suite 144, 7120 Rufe Snow Dr., Watauga TX 76148-1862. E-mail: domiss@flash.net. Web site: http://www.flash.net/~domega. Support group.

*SO - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' SUPPORT:** PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77036. (909) 875-2687.

*CD - **HELPING CDs ANONYMOUS:** HCDA, 68-4 e Hwy 6 s #334, Houston TX 77083. Email: brenda@firstnethou.com. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** PO Box 66643, Houston TX 77266. (713)780-4282. Support group.

TRI-S - **TAU CHI CHAPTER-TRI ESS:** Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713)347-8747. E-mail: JEFTRIS@aol.com. Web site: http:www.firstnethou.com/brenda/. Support group.

***ROSENBERG CLINIC, GENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM:** 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550. (409)763-0016. Medical, psychological care and support groups.

*SO - **WATS:** PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. (210)980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. Email: txtp@flash.net. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY:** PO Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163 (830)980-7788 live Tues. 6-9 pm CT. Email: tx t party@aol.com. Support group.

*TS - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, PO Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212. Support group.

*CD/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** PO Bx 15381, Austin, TX 78761. (512)515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm. Support group.

WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE: 5350 LLano, Abilene TX 79605. Email: temsim@jumo.com.

UTAH

CD/TS/SO - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY:** PO Box 571242, Salt Lake City UT 84157-1242. (801)553-8141. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ENGENDERED SPECIES:** PO Box 11897, Salt Lake City UT 84147. (801)364-0136. Support group.

CD/TS/TG/SO - **SALT LAKE GENDER CONSORTIUM:** Genevera Martin Pres., PO Box 651073, Salt Lake City UT 84165-1073. (801)576-1416. E-mail: geneveram@aol.com. Support Group.

VERMONT

CD/TS - **TRANS:** (802)472-8115. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in Burlingtn. Support group.

CD/TS - **VERMONT TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP:** For information leave message at (802)860-8430. Support group.

VIRGINIA

* - **BLACK ROSE:** PO Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210. (301)369-7667. Support group.

*TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER IDENTITY CONNECTION (MAGIC):** MAGA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

TRANS-GENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION: PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. E-mail: tgea@juno.com. Web Site: http://www.tgguide.com/guide/dc/tgea~ndx.html. Support group.

*FTM - **VIRGINIA BOYZ**: (Richmond). John (804)751-0584. E-mail: moojuu@gnn.com.

*CD/TS.SO - **BEACH BUNNIES:** PO Box 64121M, Virginia Beach VA 23467. Support group.

WASHINGTON

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*CD/TS/SO - **EMERALD CITY:** PO Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103. (206)827-9494. Support group.

*CD/TS-**CINDERELLA CIRCLE:** 304 W. Champin, Bellingham WA 98225 (360)671-7826. Email: Starchild@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/MTF/FTM/SO - **PAPILLON**: Attn: Marianne, P.O. Box 1365, Veredale, WA 99037. Support Group. Phone: (509)624-5358. Out of Spokane

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*CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON:** TGEA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays):** 1101 - 14th St. NW, Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005. Phone (202) 638-4200. Fax (202) 638-0243. E-mail: info@pflag.org. Web: http//www.pflag.org.

CD/TS/SO - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o H. Garfinkle, PO Box 1994, Silver Spring, MD 20915. Phone (301)649-3960. Support group. Meets in D.C. metro area.

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*CD/TS - **THE VALLEY GIRLS:** TVG, PO Box 181, Dunbar WV 25064. Support group.

*CD/SO - **TRANS-WV:** PO Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322. Support group

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CD/TS/SO - **GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** PO Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214. (414)297-9328 (voice-mail). E-mail: 75261.1443@compuserv.com. Support group.

WYOMING

*CD/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TG SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 1301, Evansville WY 82636. (307)265-3123. Support group.

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QUEBEC

TS/SO - **FACTT - QUEBEC:** Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6. French-speaking referrals, medical and psychological services and support group.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. Information and referrals.

CD/TS/SO - **CLUB MET:** 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8. (514)528-8874. Support group. **(Formerly TAM.)**

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Non-prisoners contact Dee Farmer, 23288037, PO Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6.

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TS/CD - **FACTT - OTTAWA:** Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E4. Support group.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **XPRESSIONS:** PO Box 223, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1B2. (416)812-6879. Email: dwells@sympatico.ca. Support group.

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CD/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES:** c/o W. Travers, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8. (416)926-0744 (24 hours). Multitude of services for TG youth.

IS - **PATRICIA FLORA:** PO BOX 425, Postal Station C, 1117 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6J 3P5.

CD/TS/SO/FTM/MTF - **TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE:** 161 Gerrard St. E, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4. (416) 921-6112 (24hr). TS support group, professional services. Email: info@wildside.org. Web site: www.wildside.org.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC:** PO Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4. (819)770-1945. Support group.

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CD/TS/SO - **PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER GROUP:** PRGG, Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0. CANADA. (204) 257-2759. Support group.

ALBERTA

CD/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4. (403) 236 7072. Support group.

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TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4. (604)536-2053. Support group.

CD/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY:** Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1. Support group.

CD/TS - **FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY:** FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5 (604)254-9591.

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TS - **TRANSSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires.

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TS - **PURPURINA (GLITTER) PROJECT**: Katia Monteiro, no. 55 Rua DA Gloria, #30, Gloria, Rio de Janeiro. Phone: 02-252-4757. FAX: 02-227-5944. Educational outreach. AIDS awareness, referrals.

TS - **GRUPO BRASILEIRO de TRANSEXUAIS (Brazilian Transsexual's Assoc.)**: Caixa Postal 1097, Cuiaba-MT 78.005-970.

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THE GENDER TRUST: BM Gentrust, London, WC1N-3XX. Phone: +44-1305-269222 before 10 pm GMT. Over-

seas Representative, Dorothy Francis, The Gender Trust, 3 Hartington Villas, Hove, BN3 6HF, ENGLAND.

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CONSULTANCY SERVICES**: 10, Warwick Rd., Earls Court, London SW5 9UH. Phone: +44-1071 244 6090, FAX: 0171 244 6090. Email: GICS@aol.com.

INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY: Box 2, 1 Banks Building, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040-9AJ. Human rights/research.

MERMAIDS: BM Mermaids, London WC1N 3XX. Group for children and teenagers with gender dysphoria and their families.

NORTHERN CONCORD: PO Box 258, Manchester M60-1LN. Phone: +44-161-236-1311.

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ASSOCIATION DU SYNDROME DE BENJAMIN: Relais 59-59 avenue Daumesnil, 3 r Keller, 75012, Paris. 01 43 47 2125.

CARITIG: B.P. 17-22, 75810 PARIS CEDEX 17, FRANCE. Phone 33-1-42-27-42-28. Fax 33-1-64-31-05-82. Web: http://www.intersocial.org/caritig. Center for assistance, research and information on transsexuality and gender identity.

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TS - **SELBSTHILFE GRUPPE**: Postfach 92, CH-9008 St. Gallen.

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TS - **COLETIVO DE TRANSEXUALES DE CATALUNA**: C. Balmes, 70, lo la, 08830 Sant Boi de Lobregat, Barcelona. Phone: 08080 3454 6398 Wed. 7.30-9 pm. Please speak Spanish.

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GERMANY

IS - **AIS SELBSTHILFEGRUPPE**: Postfach 7, 71201 Rottenburg am Neckar. (Fluent English, German.)

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TS - **VIVA TS SELBSTHILFEGRUPPE MUNCHEN e.V.**: c/o Peter Reidel, Hirschbergstr. 14, D-80634, Munchen. Phone: +48-89-134681 6-6:30 pm CET. Please speak German. FAX: +49-89-162324.

TS - **SELBSTHILFE BIELEFELD**: C/0 Praxis fuer Beratung und Psychotherapie, Herrn Detlef Kunert, Karl-Eilers-Str. 1, 33602 Bielefeld. Phone: 0521/63623.

TS - **SELBSTHILFEGRUPPE BONN**: c/o SEKIS Bonn, Lotharstr. 95, 53115 Bonn. Phone: 0228/221754.

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TS - **SELBSTHILFE GOETTINGEN, TS IN PRAXIS DR. WIEDEKING**: Buehlstr. 28a, 37037 Goettingen. Phone: 0551/46755.

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TS - **VERVLIET JESSICA**. Kerkplaats 22, 2990 Gooreind - Wuustwezel, Belgium. Place to stay before and after surgery.

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THE GENDER CENTRE INC.: PO Bax 266, Petersham, NSW 2049. Telephone:+61-02-569-2366. Email: gender@rainbaw.nte.au. Suppart graup, caunseling, referrals, accammadatians, HIV infarmotian/moterials.

CD - **LES GIRLS:** PO Box 504, Burnwaad, 2134.

SEAHORSE SOCIETY NSW: PO Box 168, Westgate, 2048. Telephane: +61-02-569-6239 (Thurs. eve.). Email: kim@seahors.cv.com.

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The TG Community Rates Different for Girls

The best TG movie since *Just like a Woman (Gerald/ine)*, considered by many community members to be the greatest heterosexual crossdresser movie of all time, appears to be *Different for Girls*, already earning accolades as the greatest movie about transsexuals so far committed to film. Community reaction was divided, at the least, over *To Wong Foo, Priscilla: Queen of the Desert* and *Tootsie*, and there were bones to pick with them all. There was unanimity of opinion only for *Victor/Victoria* among the last generation of TG films.

Winner of the Grand Prix of the Americas Award at the 1996 Montreal World Film Festival, *Different for Girls* also garnered critical praise at the Sundance Film Festival. *Different for Girls* is a First Look Pictures release, written by Tony Marchant, directed by Richard Spence, starring Steven Mackintosh and Rupert Graves. It is rated R for brief nudity, some of which no doubt kept the prosthetics department very busy. Limited distribution in larger cities and college towns, with video to follow in early 1998.

What follows is a sampling of responses from the TG community press:

"Poignant and Funny"

Different for Girls is a different kind of contemporary love story. Paul Prentice is a 34-year-old locked in the Seventies "punk era" of his teenage years. Priggish Kim Foyle wants to erase from her memory everything that happened before her sexual transformation from male to female in 1993.

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The movie captured my interest right from the start and had me truly caring about the richly portrayed characters. Although it was difficult at first to really care about the immature Prentice, I immediately identified with Kim as a sensitive woman whose life was drab and ster-

ile. Prentice certainly changes that in a hurry and as the movie progresses you can feel her character blossom. Steven Mackintosh does an excellent job portraying Kim and I found myself totally oblivious to his true gender. He makes a very believable Kim both in outward appearance, and especially as to mannerisms and emotions. Kim's strength on the screen is definitely the glue that holds the movie together. Any mass media portrayal of transgendered people in a positive light deserves our notice and support. I urge you to see this delightful, and very well done film. In fact, I'd love to see it again and maybe even get up the courage to go en femme.

Pinnacle Newsletter

"An Honest Look at TS Romance"

Sometimes it's hard to be a woman, especially when you used to be a man. You'll have bad times, and you'll have good times, doing things not everyone will understand. But *Different for Girls* should give audiences a better idea of what it's like. This transsexual romance is not a gimmick picture, nor is it camp. It's an emotionally truthful movie that looks at the problems surrounding transsexuality. It becomes bigger than its issues and seems to have more than surface meaning. The film tells the story of Kim, a prim, trim transsexual woman who writes jingles for a greeting card company in London. Kim is quite pretty from certain angles, and from other angles she looks like a man sporting a tasteful Halloween costume. She has the reserved, dignified demeanor of someone who has known ridicule and has now found peace by minding her own business and hoping that others will do the same.

In its own way, *Different for Girls* is a tale of opposites attracting. Kim runs into Prentice, a reckless biker punk who remembers her from boarding school, but as a boy. In flashback, we get a taste of Kim's school days, with scenes of her getting taunted as a sissy.

Different for Girls makes viewers uneasy by stirring conflicting emotions. Kim's delicate nature and basic kindness make us root for her to find love. On the other hand, the movie doesn't soft-pedal Prentice's helpless sense of horror at finding himself attracted to her.

"I'm straight, you know!" he tells her. And she answers, "So am I."

It's a measure of director Richard Spence's honesty that he didn't cast a woman as Kim, nor did he cast someone as androgynous-looking as, say, Jaye Davidson, whom any straight fellow might be attracted to after a few drinks. Mackintosh looks just female enough to look plausibly attractive. When Kim talks about the changes that hormones have made in her body—her skin is smooth, her breasts are bigger and her hips have widened—we believe that Prentice could be turned on.

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Yet Kim has a man's shoulders, and a man's broad facial expressions. So audiences must ask themselves, along with Prentice, to what extent is Kim really a woman? And what makes a woman a woman? And if Kim isn't a woman, what is she? And what does all this say about Prentice?

These, of course, lead to the really big question: Does any of this matter, so long as it works? Maybe Kim is just Kim. and maybe Prentice should allow himself to be Prentice and just relax.

There are all kinds of love relationships in this world, and perhaps they all deserve a romantic comedy this unflinching and this sensitive.

Panhandle Transgendered Alliance Newsletter

"The Best Gender Movie Since Priscilla"

The best TG film I have seen the last year, and the best gender movie since *Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*, is *Different for Girls*, a portrayal of a transsexual who encounters a friend from her past.

The gender-bender romance is a uniquely poignant, but funny look into the emotional adjustments that a handsome, heterosexual, extroverted male and an attractive, introverted, transsexual woman must make in order to have a relationship. That the two, as young boys, were best friends at school 15 years earlier only deepens the elements of curiosity and embarrassment in their accidental reunion and subsequent courtship.

Primrose Newsletter

"An Appealing Romance"

Transsexual imagery has typically been found in films that no self-respecting TG, or even any mildly sophisticated viewer, would claim. But *Different for Girls*, while far from a dramatic masterpiece, is an appealing, practically mainstream romance that lives up to its title in presenting a new kind of trannie, one who's neither marginalized nor sacrificed in the process of exposure. Kim Foyle began life as Karl, a much abused effeminate man whose only protector through the horrors of Catholic high school was Prentice.

They lose track of each other until their mid-thirties, when Kim, a demure, priggish greeting card writer and transsexual for four years, accidentally runs into her old defender, who's now a loutish but lovable bike messenger decked out in ragged leathers. Their first encounter as adults sets the tone for their relationship. Prentice is nearly run down by the cab Kim's riding in. The rest of the film details the tumultuous relationship between the straight man who can't grow up and the trannie who spends her time hiding from life.

Sexual politics, the idea of gender as malleable, constructable, and in a sense ultimately irrelevant, runs throughout the film, climaxing in the second major moment of transgression: Kim and Prentice's long-awaited first love scene. When he asks for a visual analogue to his earlier question about her physical changes, Kim again obliges, this time doing a slow striptease that the camera lovingly records in half-light. This is a powerful, virtually unprecedented image of the unapologetic transsexual standing naked before us in a narrative film, demanding acknowledgment. The mesmerized Prentice, standing in for the audience, stares at Kim with a sense of wonder and excitement, subtly suggesting we do the same.

Emerald City Newsletter

"Real TGs with Real Lives"

Different for Girls is a modern love story, with its own difference. Karl and Prentice are two boarding school boys. Karl is taunted for his pronounced effeminate behavior, and Prentice chivalrously defends him. After graduation they go separate ways, but meet years later in a taxi-motorcycle collision.

Only now, Karl has become a shy and diffident girl named Kim who wants only to blend into society as the girl next door. Prentice has become a stereotypical macho cursing and sweating blue-collar bloke. How both are drawn out of their respective closets is the subject of this amusing and touching film.

A number of well-known transsexual rites of passage are detailed. "I'm Kim now!" is the first thing Karl says when greeted by her old male name. Kim talks of her previous male genitalia as a growth to be removed. Like many transsexuals, she is disowned by her parents, but remains close to her sister. There are scattered references to Provera, electrolysis, dilators, the effects of hormones and the mechanics of penile inversion.

But perhaps the most moving scene is where Kim tells of her struggle to pass the battery of psychological tests required for surgery. "I showed up in jeans and the doctor said I wasn't serious." Her friend Prentice notes, "So, you learned to pick up a wine glass by the stem." She replies "You do what you have to to live."

Perhaps transgendered characters in cinema are finally being treated as real people with real lives, not just one-dimensional characters for comedic or terror value. If this is the case, then this film may be that positive difference.

Reflections Newsletter

"Well Acted, Sympathetic"

Different for Girls is a love story of sorts. Karl and Prentice were schoolmates and friends who meet 18 years later after a freak accident. Now Prentice is a ne'er-do-well, leather-garbed biker who delivers packages to eke out an existence. Karl has become Kim, one year after her final sex reassignment surgery. The two resume a friendship interrupted years ago—with a small amount of added complexity.

Kim leads a safe, lonely life working as a greeting card verse writer. Prentice is a rogue, at home in loud bars, slimy pubs, and his trashed apartment. The interaction of these two makes for an interesting story on top of the obvious gender concerns. It's a decent story, well acted, and very sympathetic to the transsexual woman.

What I liked about this movie was the dead-on portrayal of Kim by a genetic male actor. Kim is attractive but not overly attractive, and it's not hard to "read" her. In fact, she undergoes some problems with the law and the police treat her as if she were a gay man in drag. In older movies and TV shows, a "transsexual woman" is often played by an attractive genetic girl and we know that "she was never..." But, here Kim is perfectly realistic. In addition, the movie sprinkles in a lot of real life references—Kim's dilator and her hormones are discussed, there are some flashbacks to her male life, and realistic asides about electrolysis, surgery, and sexuality make this one too close to home for some of us.

Keep an eye out for it. It's worth the wait!

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a cd's dream come true

Ms Vera's Finishing School for Boys Who Want to be Girls: Tips, Tales & Teachings from the Dean of the World's First Cross-Dressing Academy

by Veronica Vera
(Main Street Books)
Reviewed by Joan Hoff

Aside from the fantasy literature that permeates every stratum of the transgender world, most books dealing with male to female crossdressing and transsexualism are either biographical, clinical, or "how-to." Miss Vera's book, *Miss Vera's Finishing School*, though, is the first to give a new meaning to "Helping Professional."

Miss Vera chronicles, in an anecdotal way, the start and growth of her "Academy," and of her students. Throughout the book, she displays a profound understanding of Crossdressers and their deep need to express their feminine selves however it may be: Lonesome Cowgirl, Big City Debutante, Sissy Maid, Vivacious Bride, or any of the other myriad ways Crossdressers wish to present themselves.

Each chapter in the book, whether it be "Hair Dressing," "Best High Heel Forward," or "Etiquette for Macho Girls," is presented in a fun and down to earth manner, while at the same time, it is serious and informative. Student fantasies become reality, and reality becomes a fantasy. In Chapter 7, "Makeup Test," for example, she states, "Make-up is magic. When he learns to create with creams, powders, and paints, the student steps through the looking glass, from reality to fantasy. What might at first seem impossible becomes real." This introduction is then followed by an outline of the tools needed and the steps to be taken in order to complete another milestone in the transition from male to female.

A brief insight into crossdressing life in New York City is presented in Chapter 15, "Coming Out." The Ultimate being the Night of 1000 Gowns presented by the Imperial Queens & Kings of New York, an extravaganza of glamour and gowns of every description. A night to remember, especially for the first timer.

Throughout the book, the lives of some of the students are interspersed to illustrate the human emotions involved in each step of the learning process and of their growth as a result. Some students felt like Clark Kent being forced into the role of Superman when they'd rather be Lois Lane. Miss Sally Sissyribbons, a 38 -year-old corporate attorney, was an example of this deep-seated inner feeling. Sargent (Sergeant) Susan, a Viet Nam veteran, and Charlene West, a Wyoming rancher, had similar sentiments. Their transition from feeling alone, scared, and self-doubting persons to emerging as self-confident individuals is described in loving detail.

Furthermore, Miss Vera emphasizes the need for public acceptance and political activity by members of this community. In "Field Trips," she stresses the need for the individual to be seen and accepted by the public. She uses as one illustration, the 1994 Stonewall Pride Parade, in both a serious and humorous way. Seriously because of the human rights aspects, and humorously by describing the actions of Zondra, a Phyllis Diller look alike, who started in the parade wearing a black bikini bathing suit and high heels. Before the march was over, she was limping along without her shoes.

The book is well written and has many, many, tips, tales, and teachings from the Dean of the world's first Cross-Dressing Academy. Well worth reading.

a dilemma for all

Cross Purposes: On being Christian and Crossgendered

by Vanessa S.
(Sullivan Press)
Reviewed by
Cally Nichols

Vanessa S. has written a tome that will prove inspirational to all transgender people from fundamentalist Christian backgrounds. Vanessa S. was raised in a Southern Baptist family that considered the simple act of crossdressing a sin. Her struggle toward self-acceptance is intense because, as she follows her feminine desires, she refuses to abandon her belief in Christ. Rather than toss it all, Vanessa realizes she must find a way within the Christian doctrine to reconcile transgenderism. The conflict, however, is evident on every page, and is still on going in her life.

She builds her argument on the rock of Christianity, that is Christ loves all and therefore we as God's children should be tolerant of all. She accuses the traditional, organized church of "minimizing, marginalizing, and oppressing" those who lead alternatively gendered lives. However, she steadfastly refuses to pass judgment on those whose ignorance permits them to look down on the crossgendered and the gay. Still, the overall impression is that she does pass judgment on the established church.

Deuteronomy is another issue she deals with. It is often quoted by the fundamentalists to claim crossdressing is an abomination in the eyes of God. Vamessa S. resolves this issue as many TG scholars do, by putting it in proper context as local tribal law rather than the word of God. But, in her struggle to resolve this dilemma, she demonstrates how crippling fundamentalism can be for anyone who questions the scriptures.

Writing from the Christian point of view, Vanessa provides a rationalization for a transgendered life style. But her constant jabs at the established church may make some readers wonder why she remains faithful to the Baptist teaching when it is so much at odds with her own lifestyle. Many transgendered Chris-

Sex Changes: The Politics of Transgenderism

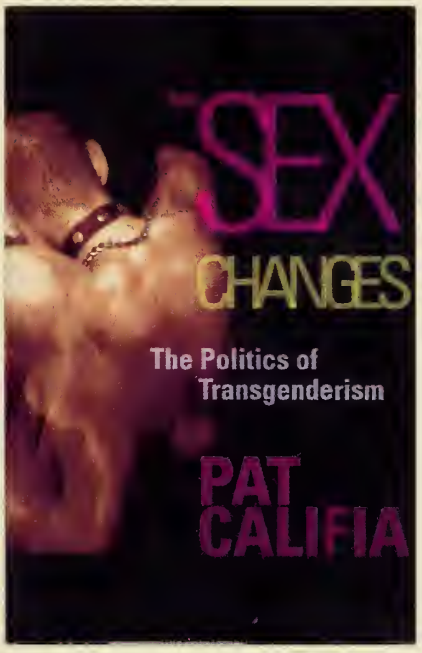
by Pat Califia
(Cleis Press)
Reviewed by
Nancy Nangeroni

the big picture: slightly flawded

Pat Califia, well known butch lesbian and author of erotica, has written *Sex Changes, The Politics of Transgenderism.*

While Pat's voice is warmly welcomed in calling for an end to all gender oppression, her authorship gave many transgender activists pause. It was nonetheless a surprise to be greeted with this apparent claim to authority in a struggle in which she is at best a peripheral player, neither long-term participant nor observer. At an FtM conference held shortly after the release of her book, there was even talk of a boycott, and a number of voices were raised in objection to her using her literary status to appropriate an authoritative transgender voice.

In her Introduction, Califia addresses the obvious question of why she felt moved to write such a book. "The work springs from my own profound discomfort with social sex-role conditioning." She accords some of the cause of her lesbianism to "a strategy for reducing gender dysphoria, part of a search for a place where I could be more of a man, or at least a different sort of woman." She admits to investigating the process of sex reassignment, in part due to a



girlfriend's sexual demands for domination, equated with maleness. "In the end," she says, "I could not separate my personal ambivalence about being female from the misogyny and homophobia of the surrounding culture. I could not tell if I wanted to have a cock because I wanted to be a man, or because I had been told all my life that any real sex had to involve a penis and a vagina." So she contented herself with being a "psychic hermaphrodite," embracing her female body without giving up male apparel or the sexual fantasy of being a man.

Pat positions herself as a lesbian advocate for transsexuals, a welcome and marked departure from the virulent transphobia that previously inhabited lesbian culture. Her critique of prominent writers on the subject of transgenderism forms the bulk of this work. While illuminating some shortcomings of that work, she nonetheless conveys an impression of shallow research, confirmed by the proliferation of "ibid" in her notes. She seems well acquainted with transgender sensibilities, especially those of FtM transsexuals, and eloquent in their defense, but otherwise sketchily educated on transgender politics. She fails to shed light on the social trends and currents which comprise this sociopolitical movement, and ignores interaction with race, class, and other issues, all the while disturbingly conflating transsexualism and transgenderism.

At a number of points in the book, Califia shares her view of the relative quality of contributions made by MtF versus FtM writers. Her judgment of FtMs seems usually supportive, while she seems to find fault easily with the MtFs. She extols the work of early FtM activists, while completely ignoring the activism of early MtF TS lesbian feminists. She contrasts the strong libido of an FtM with the diminished sexual interest of some MtFs as denoting a difference in relative health, when those acquainted with transsexual culture recognize this as the effect of different hormones, not by itself an indicator of quality of life. While purporting to teach us about transgender politics, Califia seemingly cannot escape the need to venerate people of gender similar to hers over those of an opposed gender.

To her credit, Califia shows a keen appreciation for some of the oppressive beliefs brought into play against transgenders. She also recognizes the difficulty most transsexuals experience with sex. Departing from the usual denigration of MtF crossdressers for the sexual pleasure they often obtain from crossdressing, she makes the refreshing claim, "I am not the only woman who gets a sexual rush out of appropriating a masculine image."

Unfortunately, though, she seems most comfortable with critical analysis turned against others, and devotes the bulk of the book to shooting down other people's work. She takes on, among others, Walter Williams, Renee Richards, Mark Rees, Virginia Prince, Leslie Feinberg, and finally Kate Bornstein. For some, she briefly outlines their focus, then proceeds at length to detail their shortcomings. For others, she tediously retells the writer's stories, in a sort of Reader's Digest condensation of their work. She concludes it all with an unremarkable (but mercifully brief) section of questions and observations. Statements like, "It's not supposed to be hard work to be accepted as a man or a woman; it's supposed to be a natural and effortless process," reveal a degree of presumption and lack of depth unfortunately characteristic of this work.

The bottom line here is that Pat Califia has written not an illumination of transgender politics, but rather a narrow critique of selected works in the field, liberally sprinkled with an informed perspective sympathetic to transsexuals. While critique is not without value, presenting such as "The Politics of Transgenderism" seems at best a bit pretentious, and the result speaks of too little work done too quickly, rather than in-depth familiarity with the subject. With this work, Califia succeeds mainly in further establishing herself as a transgender sympathizer, perhaps her primary intent. Its value to the rest of us, though, is questionable.

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tians, including this writer, seek out another church or sect more tolerant of their lifestyle.

Vanessa offers her own Christian based theory of transgenderism whereby God gives some of us the gift to walk in genderland so we become more aware of ourselves and all of creation. Certainly a beautiful interpretation, but, like Creation Theory, it seems based more on faith than on fact. Vanessa's desire to remain a member of a church which refuses to accept her will be, like so much else in Christianity, a mystery.

Still, this book, which often draws on personal feelings, will be inspirational for other TGs from fundamentalist backgrounds seeking to reconcile their lifestyle with their religion.

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Psychologist Association Nixes "Making Gays Straight"

The American Psychological Association (APA) recently denounced the use and recent growth of so-called 'reparative' therapies. Popular among a minority of therapists—typically those of fundamentalist persuasion—these therapies purport to 'cure' homosexuals of their sexual orientation. In fall of 1997, the APA issued a statement re-affirming a 1973 resolution stating that homosexuality is **not** a mental disorder. The APA reiterated its opposition to any portrayal of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people as mentally ill or in need of any form of treatment solely due to their sexual orientation.

Gay Games Insist Transwomen Pass Test

In order to compete in the Gay Games V in Amsterdam, TS women will be required to provide extensive documentation, including: legal name change, two years living as a woman, 18 months of psychotherapy, two years of hormone therapy, and extensive electrolysis to remove facial hair. These requirements represent a dramatic step backwards from 1994, when transwomen were allowed to compete, just like everyone else, as the gender in which they lived their everyday lives. The committee has yet to specify standards for transmen competing in the Gay Games.

President Clinton Addresses GLBT Audience

Bill Clinton became the first U.S. president to address, while still in office, an audience of gays, lesbians, bi and transfolk. At the Human Rights Campaign's annual dinner in Washington, DC, Clinton called for Congress to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would protect employees against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Clinton concluded with a plea for gays and lesbians to "broaden the imagination of America" by coming out to families, friends and coworkers. "Survey after survey," the President said, "...involving gays and lesbians, shows that the most important determinant of people's attitudes is...whether they knowingly have had family or a friendship or a work relation with a gay person... I think one of the greatest things we have to do is just to increase the ability of Americans who do not yet know that gays and lesbians are their fellow Americans, in every sense of the word, to feel that way." In doing so, Clinton concluded, "We are redefining in practical terms the immutable ideals that have guided [America] from the beginning." Elizabeth Birch, HRC Executive Director (and target for criticism from some TG community activists for her opposition to TG inclusion in ENDA), showed some inclusive thinking by using the word "transgender" several times in her remarks from the podium.

Transpeople Appointed to HBIGDA Board

In a move that bodes well for the TG community, two transgendered professionals, Sheila Kirk, MD, and Jude Patton, PhD, were named to the board of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, the body that sets the Standards of Care for sex reassignment surgery. Although Dr. Patton served on the HBIGDA board of directors before (1979 to 1981), this is the first time two transgender professionals have sat on the board at the same time. Dr. Richard Green, HBIGDA's new president, has asked Drs. Kirk and Patton to establish a Consumer Concerns committee. This committee will solicit opinions, suggestions and recommendations for enhancing medical care and quality of life for all transpeople. HBIGDA's move has been hailed as signaling a new view of TGs as partners not patients on the part of the medical community. Dr. Patton may be reached at JUDEPATTON@aol.com, while Dr. Kirk's email is SheilaKirk@aol.com.

NGLTF Adds Bi & Transgender To Mission Statement

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), a leading activist organization, adopted a new mission statement that includes bisexual and transgender people. The NGLTF, one of the first GLB organizations to embrace transgender presence and to include transgender concerns in their agenda, now states that its mission is "...to eliminate prejudice, violence and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people at the local, state and national level."

Intersexuality Catches Media Attention

Lately, intersexuality has been the hot transgender topic in the media. In recent months, the *New York Times, Newsweek, NBC Dateline* and ABC's *Prime Time Live* have all run major features on the "herm" movement. Though most were supportive, the *PTL* story gave most of its time to pediatric surgeons who defended their use of surgery to assign a sex to infants born intersexed. Only one intersexed person (shot in silhouette) was allowed to speak on the opposition of much of the intersex community to continuing this practice. Calling the practice "Intersex Genital Mutilation" (IGM), the community is speaking out about the emotional and physical repercussions they consequently suffer later in life. The *PTL* feature garnered anger and dis-

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appointment from the intersex community, who called the presentation "unconscionable," chiding the newscast for failing to inform viewers of the worldwide network of intersex advocacy and support organizations. Meanwhile, the number of doctors calling for revised standards for treatment of intersexed infants—improving care methods by emphasizing openness, honesty, peer support and professional counseling, and avoidance of early cosmetic surgery—is growing steadily.

Local

Youth Caught Using Girls' Bathroom Suspended

Are more young people growing up with a belief that they have a right to be trans? Stories of high schoolers pressing the case for "freedom of gender expression" seem to be growing more encouraging. In Trumbull, Connecticut, a high school sophomore and self-identified crossdresser recently appeared on *The Jerry Springer Show* wearing a mini-skirt, makeup, nail polish and a feminine hairstyle, complete with headband. According to classmates, he attends school the same way, minus the mini. According to one report, some Trumbull girls say that he frequently visits the girls' lavatories, but they aren't bothered by it. Others say he causes double-takes, and enjoys the attention. When officials caught him using a girls' bathroom, though, they suspended him for two days. Principal Robert McCarthy says parents have complained about the youth's dress and behavior but were told that things have changed from the days when girls were sent home for wearing pants, and the school does not have legal authority to impose stringent dress restrictions. However, McCarthy also said that any student who enters a bathroom intended for the opposite sex at his school can expect to be suspended.

Washington State Nixes GLBT Employment Rights Initiative

In Washington state, an initiative to mandate equal employment rights for GLB and TG persons failed at the polls. The only openly gay member of the state legislature said that it set the clock back a generation on the advancement of gay rights in the state. The loss was all the more stunning because pro-gay advocates outspent opponents 10 to 1. Most of that budget was spent for frequent airings of television ads in the last three weeks of the campaign. The ads emphasized that discrimination existed, was legal, and that gay men and lesbians had actually lost jobs because of it. Regional political pundits pointed to the presence of a stringent gun control measure on the same ballot as one factor in defeating the pro-gay initiative. The well-financed gun rights campaign virtually guaranteed a heavy turnout of conservative voters. The equal rights amendment failed by about the same margin as the gun control measure, roughly 70%-30%.

Transinclusion Affirmed by Chicago City Advisory Council

As a result of interactions with members of trans and G/L/B activist organizations, It's Time Illinois (ITI) and Queer Nation, the Chicago-based Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues (ACGLI), unanimously passed a resolution advocating the inclusion of TGs in the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance. In part, the resolution stated that "protection based on gender identity/expression [should be added] to the City of Chicago Human Rights Ordinance." According to Miranda Stevens of ITI, "We are excited about the support we are getting from ACGLI, and are anxious to work with them on the passage of trans-rights in Chicago."

Judge Okays Multimillion TS Harassment Suit Against NYU

In a landmark case, U.S. District Judge Whitman Knapp refused to dismiss a transsexual's $14,000,000 suit against New York University over harassment by one of the professors. According to her lawyer, plaintiff Jennifer Miles, a 31-year-old New Jersey resident, was too traumatized by her experience to complete her studies and withdrew from the university. University officials sought to have the lawsuit dismissed, arguing that they had dealt with the problem by reprimanding the professor in question. However, they admitted that the university was letting him continue to teach, and that they had assured him the reprimand would have no effect on their decision to grant him tenure. Judge Knapp denied the university's motion and allowed the lawsuit to go forward, saying federal discrimination law protects her, and adding that the university's assurance was "bizarre" considering four other female students had previously accused the professor of inappropriate sexual advances. In his ruling, Judge Knapp wrote: "There is no conceivable reason why such conduct should be rewarded with legal pardon just because, unbeknownst to [the professor] and everyone else at the university, plaintiff was not a biological female...There can be no doubt that [the professor's] conduct with respect to Jennifer Miles, assuming it can be proven, related to sex and sex alone." The professor was not awarded tenure, nor was his contract renewed.

Judge: CA Law Recognizes Gender Change

In Orange, California, a transsexual man is fighting for the right to raise his child. Joshua Vecchione's wife sought annul-

ment of their marriage on the grounds that state law does not recognize same-sex unions and that she was not aware he was a transsexual at the time of their marriage. The judge has ruled that marriage cannot be annulled simply because one of the partners had sex reassignment surgery (SRS) prior to the marriage, because California law recognizes one's gender after surgery as their legal gender. Vecchione had surgery in 1976 and has lived as a man ever since. "The post-operative anatomy of Mr. Vecchione is male except that he is sterile and unable to conceive children," the judge said. (The couple's daughter was conceived by artificial insemination, using sperm from Vecchione's brother.) At press time, the judge had not ruled on the secondary issue of misrepresentation. The wife insists she did not know her husband was born a woman. Rather, she says he told her he was intersexed, born with the genitalia of both sexes, which she considered a congenital defect. "It was not my choice to marry a transsexual," she told reporters. Vecchione said he had told his wife the truth about himself from the beginning. According to one source, his wife attended TG functions with him prior to their marriage.
The parents have been sharing time with their daughter during the dispute.

TS Professor Files Grievance Against College

A professor at Connecticut's Quinnipiac College has filed a union grievance, saying the institution forced her to take a leave of absence and began proceedings to fire her after learning her plans to start living as a woman and undergo SRS. Professor Wynd D. Harris taught for five years as William D. Harris. Two days after Harris informed the college of her sex change, officials recommended that she take a paid leave of absence for the semester. At the college's request, Harris disclosed her medical and counseling records, and agreed to meet with a psychologist to demonstrate her competence to teach. She even agreed to not wear overly feminine clothing on the campus. But she drew the line at a physical examination, claiming sexual harassment. College officials, meanwhile, say that the two-day warning she gave before the start of classes was insufficient. They also cited an unspecified "pattern of conduct on your part that the college considers unprofessional, inappropriate, and improper." Officials said, as a result, the college had "lost confidence and trust" in Harris as a member of the faculty and that, in consequence, "we are initiating termination procedures." The officials claimed that, by putting her on leave, they were trying to act in the best interest of Professor Harris and the students.

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Free Surgery For Brazilian Transsexuals

Transsexuals in Brazil, where sex change typically has cost $15,000, are to be given free SRS under new rules that classify the operation as experimental. The only conditions for the operation set by Brazil's Federal Council of Medicine are that patients be older than 21 and that they undergo 2 years of hormone treatment and psychological counseling first. "We don't want this to be just a money-earner. We must develop the technique which, though rather simple, is little understood," said Dr. Julio Gomes, a council member. Explaining their action, the council said that without surgery many TSs suffer a "tendency toward self-mutilation and self-extermination." Sex change operations, they held, serve to equate transsexuals' physical characteristics with their psychological sex. The Reuters news service reports that Brazilian TSs are lining up for the operations. "I've been dreaming about this for so long that I'd already given up hope," said a Sao Paulo nurse. The Federal Council of Medicine set no time period during which sex change operations would be classified as research and therefore be free.

London, Frisco Claim 1st International TG Film/Video Festival

The first International Transgender Film and Video festival was held in London, England, this past fall. Over fifty TG-themed films and videos were screened. Among the shorts and documentaries were: *Hermaphrodites with Attitude*, a look at the identities of intersex people who have sexually ambiguous bodies; *Linda/Les and Annie*, with performance artist Annie Sprinkle in the first female-to-male TS love story; and such anarchic and eclectic productions from San Francisco's drag underground as Kristiene Clarke's *Sex Change-Shock! Horror! Probe!*, the first documentary about transsexuals on British television actually made by a TS filmmaker. A few weeks later, San Francisco, California, held what it hailed as "the first-ever" TG film festival, "Tranny Fest." Notable features included *Trappings of Transhood*, *Kings of New York*, *Wanted Alive: Teresita, La Campesina*, *Shotgun*, and others. Hosted by and at the Roxie Cinema, the festival served as the finale to "Tranny Week" in San Francisco with TG-oriented panels, performances and parties abounding. Meanwhile, rumors are beginning to circulate about a prospective TG art festival in Boston sometime soon. Contact the author of this column for more information.

International Journal of TGism Hits Web

The *International Journal of Transgenderism* is now exclusively available on-line, and may be accessed at http://www.symposion.com/ijt. The first scholarly journal on transsexualism, crossdressing and related topics, *IJT* is peer-reviewed and its editorial board consists of many well-known medical and scientific professionals from all over the world. The journal is published quarterly with additional updates as needed. Access to the current issue is free. The second issue includes abstracts (and some full text) of panels, presentations and sessions from the recent HBIGDA meeting in Vancouver. A free e-mail newsletter is available to everybody, by sending e-mail to Claudia Wrede at 101526.2743@compuserve.com.

TGs and Gays Murdered in Guatemala

Within a week in October, four TG and/or gay people were murdered in Guatemala City, several of them by expansion bullets. TGs and gays in Guatemala are frightened: "Not being organized, we can't apply to any institution to report they are killing us. Besides, society reacts so intolerantly, that we are frightened," says one anonymous TG. Similar "social cleansings" have been carried out in Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela. TG street children are also targeted in these operations, which are rarely investigated by police and courts, and said by some TG activists to be carried out with their compliance. Gays, lesbians, bis and TGs all over the world are being called upon to demand Guatemalan authorities investigate these murders. Send e-mail to the following: Alvaro Arzu Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala, alvaroarzu@guateconnect.com; Luis Flores Asturias, Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala, luisflores@ns.guate.net; Marta Altolaguirre, Presidential Commission On Human Rights, copredeh@guate.net; Julio Arango, Human Rights Attorney, opdhg@guatenet.net.gt

TGs and Gays Abused in Argentina

Activists from Colectivo Arco Iris (CAI) are calling urgently for help with the plight of trans and gay people in Rosario, Argentina. Every month, over 150 TG people are arrested by the police and typically held under arrest for 20 days in basements, without mattresses or light, where they are abused and raped. Equivalent numbers of gays and lesbians are also detained each month and subjected to similar mistreatment. In addition, four TGs have been murdered in the past ten months. One stabbing victim, who was abandoned in the street by the police and the municipal ambulance, subsequently died in a situation much like that of Tyra Hunter in the US. Argentinean authorities have refused to discuss the situation with CAI representatives, and at least one TG activist has received death threats. Argentinean transactivists ask that protests be e-mailed to Dr. Hermes Binner, Intendente Municipal de Rosario, at binner@rosario.gov.ar or faxes to Ing. Jorge Obeid, Gobernador de Santa Fe, 54-42-591067 or to Dr. Rosua, Ministro de Gobierno de Santa Fe, 54-42-596147.

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FTM Column: James Green

It is amazing to me that three FTM autobiographies were published in Great Britain in less than one year, while most US publishers think the twelve page article in the July 18, 1994 *New Yorker* said all there is to say about FTM people and there's no interest in the topic anyway. The two books published in 1995 were both written with co-authors: *A Self-Made Man: The Diary of a Man Born in a Woman's Body* by Paul Hewitt with Jane Warren, and *What Took You So Long?: A Girl's Journey to Manhood* by Raymond Thompson with Kitty Sewell. The latest entry (1996) is *Dear Sir or Madam: The Autobiography of a Female-to-Male Transsexual* by Mark Rees. These are three very different books, and while there are certain similarities, I think the differences help to show that there is no one definitive FTM story. One similarity I found very interesting, though: Hewitt and Rees both had twin sisters (Rees' sister died at 5 days old). Hewitt is (I think) the youngest, writing his story at age 27, presenting himself as a former sex-pot, a very attractive woman. Hewitt states that one in 15,000 people is TS, and one quarter of these are FTM. These are interesting statistics...I'd like to know where they came from. (The most commonly cited statistics in the US are HBIGDA's estimates that F2Ms are 1 in 100,000 and M2Fs are 1 in 30,000.)

Thompson describes his female self as androgynous, and reports the very difficult time he had growing up in an adolescence peppered with drugs, depression, isolation, anger, rebelliousness, and jail. Once he found himself, though, he became an artist, and is leading a much happier life. Rees is the oldest in the group (born in 1942); his story seemed to me the most distant and sad, but he has worked bravely and diligently for transsexual rights in England and Europe for a long time now. His book is the least flamboyant of the three, probably because he's not being egged on by a co-writer who's saying, "This'll blow 'em away; let's keep the excitement up here," all the time. Three very different lives are described in these books—all worth reading.

For those who enjoy intellectual challenge, try reading *Changing Sex: Transsexualism, Technology, and the Idea of Gender* by Bernice L. Hausman. This is an academic dissertation which basically says—in a lot of complicated language—that plastic surgeons made up the concept of gender, and that transsexuals, being clever deceivers, were quick to jump on the bandwagon because they saw the concept would help them get what they wanted. Ah ha!! "Once gender identity disrupted the idea of sexual difference based entirely on physiology, transsexuals could not be denied access to technological sex change, because they could demonstrate their aberrant gender identity through a phenomenology of gender role behaviors." So! If we just do away with the terminology so that people can't talk about it, we will also do away with the layperson's access to technology? Hausman also criticizes transsexual autobiographies as subjective attempts to self-justify TS experience, and says that descriptions of post-surgical pain only "unsettle the assured narrative confidence in the story of gender"—in other words, as we describe our pain we are admitting that we have done something wrong to our bodies and this breaks down the argument that we are becoming the sex we were meant to be. As if to say: if we were meant to be something, it wouldn't hurt. This is way erudite. I wish I could be as objective as an academic. She also uses the fact that doctors have a very difficult time constructing a working penis as proof of the body's resistance to gender, a tempting theory that moves toward feminist ideology, but too facile for real life if you ask me. Read this one and try to get your own grip on the language.

> "Will we ever see an FTM (or any transsexual) bestseller?"
>
> James Green

In an airport bookstore last year, I stumbled across the long-awaited docu-thriller *All She Wanted* by Aphrodite Jones, the Brandon Teena story delivered by a journalist. This book gives the background on Brandon's family and his short life, as well as the background his two killers

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WISDOM

COLIN'S DOZEN BITS OF

Dr. Peggy Rudd

To my knowledge, General Colin Powell has nothing to do with our community, but I believe his twelve rules for life have great application. Colin Powell has inspired our collective minds during recent years. I can personally credit him with a strong, positive influence upon my mind and heart.

Recently, during a cruise with Mel, I finally found time to read, and fortunately, the book bearing his name was on the shelf when I made my first trip to the library. Within the covers of Colin Powell I found an abundance of common sense lessons which were not that different from those my grandfather taught me. I found inspiration needed to improve my life. Today, I still feel the influence. Ironically, the dozen bits of common sense bear a remarkable parallel to the life-skills I have used as Melanie and I share growth in our relationship.

Here are the twelve bits of wisdom provided by Colin Powell. Look at them with more than a quick surface reading, and personal and relationship growth will be the by-products. If these seem a bit too rigorous for you, have patience. In time you will have gained additional relationship skills. Let the rules guide you through your lives together.

Rule 1

IT AIN'T AS BAD AS YOU THINK. IT WILL BE BETTER IN THE MORNING.

I can hear the roar of disbelief! When we feel the situation is bad, NOBODY can convince us otherwise. I have lived within the parameters of a transgendered relationship for a while now, and there have been many days that were less than perfect. But as time passed the BAD was miraculously replaced with contentment.

But will it always be better in the morning? Overnight improvement may not be possible, but I believe there is hope when we believe in a brighter tomorrow. Our progress toward acceptance is so gradual we may not even realize we are growing. Keep on believing. It CAN happen.

Rule 2

GET MAD. THEN GET OVER IT.

Good wife, Good partner! We always want to appear to be loving and accepting. Getting mad doesn't seem to fit the good wife/partner syndrome. At first the good wife/partner attitude can prevent the open and honest expression of our anger. Is it OK to get mad? You bet! But be sure you get mad in a controlled manner. In fact unless we face these negative emotions we may never come to grips with all the issues. I do not believe in building a nest and living in perpetual anger.

Anger does all kinds of negative things to us physically, emotionally, and even spiritually. It is best to admit our anger immediately and then look for ways to handle or dissipate the feelings of unrest. Anger is just one letter away from danger. But to say anger does not exist is also dangerous, because suppressed anger is much more harmful than confronted anger.

> "Some wives and partners believe their own femininity is in jeopardy."

I have met many wives and partners of men within the transgender community, and almost all of them admit to having felt anger at some point in the relationship. This is natural! The relationship you are in is probably not what you expected. You want to spend more time with your husband and less time with "her." You may also get angry about all the money he spends on "her," especially if you need a new pair of shoes yourself. Sometimes you are angry at the whole situation. Feeling angry is okay, unless you develop a permanent anger. If you are angry, face it, and handle it, then get on with your life.

Rule 3

AVOID HAVING YOUR EGO SO CLOSE TO YOUR POSITION THAT WHEN YOUR POSITION FALLS, YOUR EGO GOES WITH IT.

We were all born egocentric. Self is the center of the universe. The element of our being which enables us to think, feel, and act sometimes gets tangled up with those persons who are closest to us. In the early days of sharing the feminine side of our husbands, we feel that in some way we "caused" the behavior. Some wives and partners believe their own femininity is in jeopardy.

Because of our egocentric nature, most of us have wished the crossdressing could vanish. The impact upon our lives seems to be negative! Our image is damaged. At some point in the process of growing together our ego suffers. Most of us know the transgendered qualities will not go away. The fact that there is "NO CURE," has, within itself, caused egos to fall.

Solution: Develop a strong identity characterized by confidence and security. We didn't cause the crossdressing. We are in no way responsible. We can't make it go away, and we can still remain strong even though the crossdressing will last forever.

The ego problem may exist for the crossdresser, too, but in reverse. "HER" ego is an "I" problem which optometrists can't cure. As the make up skill improves and the wardrobe increases, there may be some self-centered qualities evolving. The self-made man always tends to admire "her" maker. Just remember that if your husband gets too big for his britches the dress won't fit either!

Rule 4

IT CAN BE DONE.

Yes! it can be done. You and your crossdressing husband can live happily ever after! Not every day, and certainly not every moment, but we can make it work.

I am always so pleased during S.P.I.C.E. to observe couples walk away arm and arm, smiles on their faces and hope in their hearts. There is a wealth of help out there, and when we take advantage of the help in the community and draw strength from each other, we know that the relationship will work. Crossdressing and a harmonious relationship can coexist.

Rule 5

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR. YOU MAY GET IT.

I stopped wishing for a "macho man" years ago. I wished for one of those guys once, and soon found that this was not for me. On the flip side, the qualities I resisted in the early stages of our love are now the focal point of those qualities I find most lovable. I'm glad I didn't wish them away! The alternative is far less desirable.

Rule 6

DON'T LET ADVERSE FACTS STAND IN THE WAY OF GOOD DECISIONS.

Adverse facts are out there. Here are a few of them: Crossdressers are weird. Crossdressers are mentally ill. All crossdressers are headed for surgery. Crossdressers do not contribute anything except disequilibrium to a relationship. ALL crossdressers are gay. The women who accept crossdressers are pretty weird themselves. At best, supportive wives and girlfriends are enablers of negative behavior.

At some point we must all put these adverse facts aside and move toward good decisions: Love him. Help him grow. Grow together. Commit to success.

Rule 7

YOU CAN'T MAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S CHOICES. YOU SHOULDN'T LET SOMEONE ELSE MAKE YOURS.

No person can grow by letting someone else make their decisions. This is pretty clear. Wives can't make the difficult decisions for their husbands. We can't let them make ours. But together we can find the best choices for our relationship. Quickly move away from the power struggle. Move toward compromise. Then wise decisions will come more easily. Patience may be defined as the ability to make decisions and wait for your partner to make theirs. Remember that the inability to make a decision is, in itself, a decision.

Rule 8

CHECK SMALL THINGS.

Say "thank you" for small acts of kindness. If you can't be grateful for what has been received, remember what you have escaped. Work on your little habits which your partner finds irritating, and always remember that a "stitch in time saves nine"...even in love.

Rule 9

SHARE CREDIT.

In time you will see some growth. This will come to you because of teamwork. Give credit where credit is due. When growth comes remember that you didn't do it alone.

> "Go ahead. Cross the Bridge. You may be pleasantly surprised at the joy on the other side."

Rule 10

REMAIN CALM. BE KIND.

Yes! there are times when we really don't feel calm. Take some time out. Think about it before losing the calm. Get in control of your thoughts and actions. Love is alive only as long as it is nourished with kindness, sympathy, and understanding.

Rule 11

HAVE A VISION.

Dare to dream dreams and have hope. Visualize where you are going and set your sights high. Put on your collective "working clothes" of relationship-building and focus upon obtaining the goals. Any person can see farther than he can reach, but this doesn't mean he should stop reaching.

Rule 12

HAVE PERPETUAL OPTIMISM.

Optimism is a force multiplier. Pessimism will diminish the force.

Point your face to the sunshine and you will seldom see the shadows. In the transgender community the optimist is the person who feels we live in the best of two worlds. The pessimist continues to fear this might be true. The pessimist will burn all bridges before crossing the bridge.

WISDOM

Wisdom comes with experience. As couples move through life together within the transgender community, valuable lessons will be gained. All of us made mistakes, but as time passes, our judgment will improve.

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it might bring her peace of mind and acceptance. If you refuse, what then? It's no use ducking this issue: it is a very real one and you must be prepared for whatever turn the discussion takes.

Something your partner is sure to ask, "What do you get out of crossdressing." This is particularly difficult to explain because, although we all do get something out of it, otherwise why would we crossdress, it is not easy to pin-point precisely what that is. We all have our individual reasons, of course. But, from the thousands of case histories available to us, we can discern a number of common core motives. Without attaching any importance to the order in which they are presented, we can see that one reason is that that we experience a degree of sexual stimulation, usually assuaged by masturbation, from crossdressing, especially during the early years. Whether it is the clothing, usually underwear, that stimulates us, or whether sexual arousal comes and is intensified by the sight or tactile sensation, and even more the wearing of the clothes, is something that cannot readily be answered. Even at later stages where sexual stimulation is not a factor, or only a minor one, the wearing of feminine garments seems to bring on a sense of relaxation and a 'feel-good' aspect.

Many CDs also say that they have an inner feeling of being feminine, a great longing to be female and to experience what it feels like to be one, even amounting to jealousy of women. We could also say that the sensation of crossdressing satisfies something within one's own inner self. Once the urge is felt and the feeling of actually wearing women's clothes is experienced, the crossdressing urge increases and rarely, if ever, releases its hold.

Something that can be emphasized is that nobody just suddenly decides, "I want to assume feminine identity, to wear women's clothes." Nobody does that for the sheer hell of it. These are inner urges which are part of us and denied only at a cost.

Another awkward, but quite natural question, is, "Why tell me now, after all these years?" Some explanation is necessary of how difficult you have found it to approach her on the subject, how you have wanted to discuss it with her for so long but have lacked courage, how dreadfully embarrassing it is to reveal your urge to express your femininity. Reassure her that you have wanted to be honest with her, to show that you trust her with this secret, but have had to fight your fear of her rejection, not only of your dressing but of yourself as a person and of the various suspicions that the knowledge might arouse. Explain that one motive for your new-found honesty is the realization that you were deceiving her and the distaste you felt about that. You must be honest and indicate that you recognize that your urge isn't going to go away and therefore you are looking for peace of mind to continue, with, you hope, at least your partner's acceptance, if not approval.

The moment of truth

If this seems a long prelude to the actual moment of truth, to actually revealing your secret, I make no apologies. It is easy to plunge into a situation without knowing how deep you're diving; to find yourself out of your depth. Without preparing the ground, you are likely to find yourself saying things you don't mean and not saying things which you should. You may lose your temper and let it all slip out of control. Thinking beforehand about the matters I have discussed will help you to know your own mind and to discuss things reasonably calmly.

You could point out that you are not alone in your urge, there are many thousands all over the world who enjoy wearing clothes of the opposite sex. That it is not a sign of mental degeneracy, abnormality or perversion. No psychologist or medical person suggests that there is any mental aberration attached to crossdressing. While the causes are not firmly established, there is good reason to believe that the origins lie in one's genetic make-up (see my book *Aspects of Gender).*

Do not try to hurry matters. Long discussions are a good sign and show a willingness to listen and understand. If preliminary talks indicate at least a receptiveness to the idea, perhaps your spouse could be persuaded to read a book on crossdressing, perhaps Peggy Rudd's *My Husband Wears My Clothes* or my own book, *Aspects of Gender*, which discuss the whole subject without technicalities.

Above all, do not expect immediate acceptance. Remember that what you are telling her will be, at best, news to her, and, initially, probably not very welcome news. She must have time to digest it. She may never come to accept it, in which case you will have difficult decisions to make as to your future actions. On the other hand, as happens quite frequently, once the information has been swallowed and absorbed, and she realizes that you are still the same person she has known for so long, there could be acceptance and even support. A surprisingly large proportion of CDs have the support and cooperation of their partners and families.

In either case, if you do tell her, things will never be the same. However, if you don't tell her, you have the constant fear that you may well be caught out, no matter how careful you are and the consequences could be cataclysmic. If you do tell, life could be much sweeter for both of you, and could introduce a deeper mutual understanding and regard to your marriage.

Perhaps the most important point underlying the whole matter of revealing your crossdressing is that of honesty, being honest with yourself and answering questions honestly, however awkward or embarrassing the answers.

A final note, I was lucky, I told my partner not long after we were married. As a result, over the years, our relationship has matured and bonded deeply and for the last twenty or so years Lesley has been just one of the family to partner, children and even grandparents.

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and some of the girls Brandon was involved with. Jones starts with the murders, then dramatizes the events leading up to them, the apprehension of the suspects, and their eventual trials. She even documents the appearance of the Transexual Menace, and transsexual activism in general, through the January 1996 NBC 20/20 broadcast covering TOPS (FtM Tonye Barreto-Neto's organization for transgendered peace officers which was recently rebroadcast) presenting trans outrage as nothing more than opportunistic attempts to get media attention. Ultimately, this book seems more like exploitation than explanation—an opportunity to make money off of the unusual elements of a murderous act. While Jones herself (I've met her once and talked to her several times while this book was in development) behaved as if she wanted to help ensure such a horrible event never occurs again and claimed to be sympathetic to trans issues and causes, the book doesn't take such a stand. We all agree murder is wrong, and it is easy to paint the killers in a negative light. What Jones didn't do is look at the gender issues inherent in the events, nor did she present transgender activists as anything more than angry cardboard cutouts. Benign neglect, you might call it, but the net effect is that transgender issues and transpeople are treated as just another bizarre element in the tragic story of this confused young "girl" who lived "a life of deception." This book received very little attention—if any—in the mainstream media. Could that be a comment about Jones's writing, or about the public's general interest in the subject?

Getting the word out about F2Ms is not easy. I wonder how Holly Devor's new academic/sociological tome, *FTM: female to male transsexuals in society*, just released from Indiana University Press, will fare at $49.95 per copy (for 700+ pages). It probably won't be a bestseller, either. Loren Cameron's *Body Alchemy: Transsexual Portraits* has been selling fairly well, I'm told, but breaking the barrier to mainstream publishing success still hasn't been achieved since Jan Morris. And now, we're in a different world concerning the economics of publishing. Will we ever see an FTM (or any transsexual) bestseller?

A Self-Made Man: the Diary of a Man Born in a Woman's Body
Paul Hewitt with Jane Warren, 1995, paper,
Headline Book Publishing Division
Hodder Headline PLC
338 Euston Road, London NW1 3BH
ISBN 0-7472-7819-9

What Took You So Long?: A Girl's Journey to Manhood
Raymond Thompson with Kitty Sewell, 1995,
paper, Penguin Books USA
375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014
ISBN 0-14-024645-2

Dear Sir or Madam: The Autobiography of a Female-To-Male Transsexual
Mark Rees, 1996, paper,
Cassell Publishers, Wellington House, 125 Strand,
London, WC2R 0BB
215 Park Ave. So., New York, NY 10003
ISBN 0-304-33394-8 (paper cover)

Changing Sex: Transsexualism, Technology, and the Idea of Gender
Bernice L. Hausman, 1995
Duke University Press
ISBN 0-8223-1692-7

All She Wanted
Aphrodite Jones, 1996, $6.99 paper
Pocket Books
Simon & Schuster, Inc., 200 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675
ISBN 0-671-52667-7

FTM Female-to-Male Transsexuals in Society
Holly Devor, 1997, $49.95 cloth
Indiana University Press

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My Last "Last Words":
It's All About Attitude

Alison Laing

A traveler approached the gate keeper to the village and said, "I am looking for a new place to work and live. How are the people in this village?" The gate keeper replied with the question "How were they in your previous place?" The traveler said, "Terrible. They were very rude and unfriendly. Most were angry and bitter. They were not pleasant to be with." The gate keeper then said, "You'll find the people here the same way." So the traveler moved on.

A second traveler approached the gate keeper to the village and asked the same question. "I am looking for a new place to work and live. How are the people in this village?" The gate keeper again replied with the question "How were they in your previous place?" This traveler said, "Wonderful. Most people there were friendly and kind. They were so pleasant to be with. If I wasn't looking for a new place to live and start my new trade, I would never have left." The gate keeper then said, "You'll find the people here the same as in your village." So that traveler asked the gate keeper to let him in, and he did.

As we move through our lives we discover that the principles of so many of the proverbs and adages, as corny and old fashion as they may seem, are really true and can be applied to helping us deal with the challenging issues of life. This becomes especially true for those of us whose transgender lifestyles often make everyday life difficult. "We reap what we sow" is a good example. I know I am at risk of being called a Pollyanna (once again), but, if we approach life from the negative point of view, that tends to be what we will find. If we take a positive, upbeat approach, we have a lot better chance of a positive outcome. We need to heed the subtle advice of the gatekeeper. It seems to me it's all about attitude. If you see an injustice or some fault in an operation that is meaningful to you, and you are concerned, upset or even angry, you have several ways in which you can deal with it. First, you can say, "So what, there's nothing I can do about it. Things cannot be changed or made better so I'll just accept the status quo." You can still continue your relationship with the organization, or people, accepting things the way they are. And, on occasion, this action, or non-action, may be justified from your point of view. But then, you sort of abrogate your privilege of complaining about it. Of course, you'll probably go on griping about it just like people who complain about the weather.

Another option is to say, "If that's the way they are going to be, then I'll have nothing to do with them." You can back away, withdraw, cancel your membership, ignore or totally separate yourself from the issue and the organization or people who are responsible and do what you can to minimize the effect that this situation has on you. Once again you are abrogating any real rights to criticize in a meaningful way.

But, ahhh, there are those who will say, "This has to stop. I am going to do what I can to make things right." Then set out on a crusade to change, correct, fix or adjust the matter to their idea of what it should be. You can do this alone, coalesce either formally or informally with others, or create an organization dedicated to making this change. In this case you are taking ownership of the issue and have become a real legitimate shareholder in the community of this issue. Now we need to take a look at how we go about trying to make the change.

Unfortunately, there are those who, like small children, think that throwing a tantrum, making a ruckus or whatever, will contribute to changing things. This approach may work in some cases, such as when a whistle blower brings the issue to the forefront of others who need to become aware of the wrong, and the need for action. But making written and verbal attacks, especially without all the information, cannot and will not bring about changes in the behavior of others, especially in organizations. This can only be done by convincing the right people to take action. This requires direct dialog in an intelligent and reconciling manner. Saber rattling usually begets more saber rattling. It takes developing an understanding of all the issues and careful analysis to make the constructive criticism which can lead to action.

My personal attitude towards IFGE a number of years ago is known to many. I never published an intended letter to the editor, attacking IFGE, entitled "IFGE—None of the Above." Instead, I decided to try to improve things by working within the organization. Eventually, I was asked to consider becoming their Executive Director. I thought "Now I can change things!" and the personal circumstance made it possible for me to accept the position.

However, when I came to IFGE over two and a half years ago, I thought at first that it might be beyond fixing. It seemed as if changing almost anything was next to impossible. The organizational momentum, because of prior commitments, such as the long term lease with an ever escalating rent rate, as well as the "corporate culture," and reputation, seemed to make things irreversible. But there were many dedicated friends, and members of IFGE, the Board of Directors and the staff, who were certain that things could be done to improve the situation. I had no alternative than to think the same and set out to do it.

> "The world is better because people wish it were so; and do the right things to make it so."

Did I fix everything? No way. Are we still in serious debt? You bet. But we have made major inroads regarding cost reductions in rent and operating expenses, and at the same time we increased revenue through contributions, memberships and potentially more income from magazine and book sales. Do we have an effective first class response and referral program? No, but we have been able to significantly improve our ability to provide incoming phone referrals and even deal with personal crisis calls. As it has often been said, you may not be able to change everything but you can change some things. So that's what you do. Maybe someone else can make the other changes.

How does this apply to you as a TG person in your every day life? Most of these same ideals still apply. A positive attitude leads to positive results. When you approach a new relationship, you can decide right up front to be positive; put your best foot forward; show you are confident about who (and what) you are and, if problems occur, to not let the lack of acceptance or being shown proper respect get you down. This does not mean you have to be "In your face" about it. But how about "I am what I am!" Put on a happy face, smile and even laugh if you can. By projecting a positive attitude, you may convince some people to change their attitudes and behavior and win their acceptance and respect. In this manner, each of us, on a one by one and one on one relationship, can keep hammering away at the ignorance, the prejudices and the biases, and slowly, we can truly make this a better world for us all. This is sort of where I came in, so I guess I've come full circle.

Recently, I came across a quote attributed to Jane Adams, the late 19th century social worker, "The world is better because people wish it were so; and do the right things to make it so."

Wishing won't make a difference, neither will kicking, griping and bellyaching. But doing the right things will. Deep down inside, you have to know that doing the right things makes a difference. It must, or why bother reading this?

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Attention Crossdressers and the Transgendered Community !!

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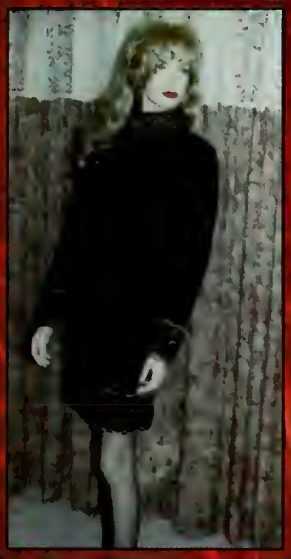

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